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## Not funny at all, Palace says of cell phone text jokes

**By Gil Cabacungan Jr. and Nikko Dizon**

TUMAAS NA RAW ANG RATING NI GMA; PLATINUM NA CD NYA!

THE FOLLOWING are text jokes:

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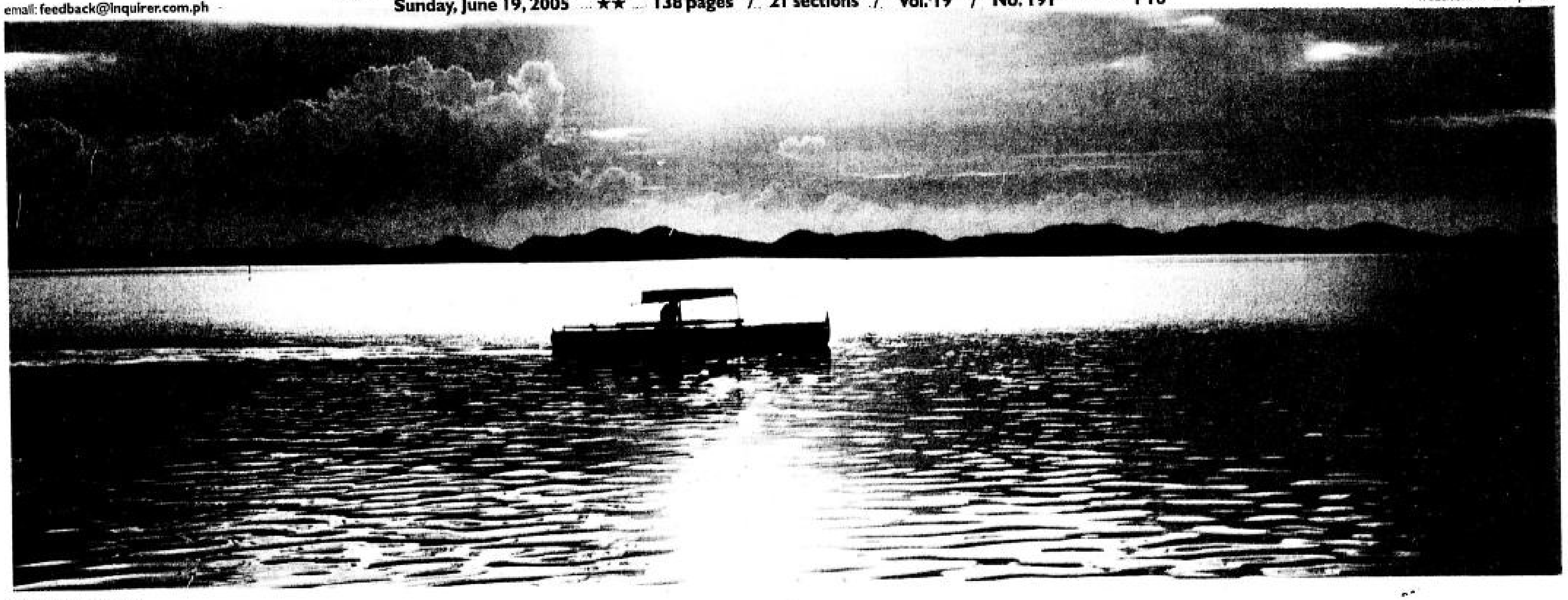

**DAY BREAKS**
Man and sea serve as witness to the awesome ceremony of sunrise at Hundred Islands in Alaminos, Pangasinan.
BOY CABRIDO

# But where's Garcillano?

## Speculations abound as ex-Comelec exec drops out of sight

**By Grace C. Albasin**
*PDI Mindanao Bureau*
**Nancy C. Carvajal and Jerome Aning**

**HIS HOUSE in Cagayan de Oro City looked deserted after a man emerged from it yesterday carrying a travel bag before riding off in a Pajero. An INQUIRER informant said he was indeed in the city, having checked into an inexpensive hotel, but that was days ago.**

Some opposition members speculated—without backing up their theories—that he planned to leave for the United States. His former boss, Commission on Elections chair Benjamin Abalos said he did not know where he was and added: "I am not his keeper."

One opposition lawmaker said he had been seen in Tagaytay.

Relatives in his hometown of Dagupan City said they had not seen him since May 20, when he briefly dropped by.

So where is former Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano—the man who might hold the answers to intriguing questions raised in allegedly wiretapped conversations between him and President Macapagal-Arroyo?

The man who might be able to say whether or not Ms Arroyo was the woman he was supposedly talking with on the potentially explosive tape?

No less than five House committees, which will hold hearings tomorrow on the authenticity of the controversial tape supposedly dealing with attempts to rig the results of the May 2004 elections, want some answers.

Has "Garci" vanished into thin air?

"What I know is that he is still here," an official of a government agency in Cagayan de Oro told the INQUIRER yesterday.

According to the INQUIRER informant who knows Garcillano's wife, the former poll officer stayed for several days at the family's 7-hectare farm in Lingating, Baungon, Bukidnon.

Then he moved to Cagayan de Oro, checking in at the Conchita Hotel in Cogon Market, the "Divisoria" of the city, accompanied by seven people said to be also with the Comelec.

The low-key hotel was Garcillano's favorite hangout whenever he was in town and "he is known in the hotel," said the official, requesting anonymity.

The INQUIRER checked with the hotel but a man at the front desk said: "There's no Garcillano here."

Some 30 minutes before the INQUIRER arrived at his Cagayan de Oro home yesterday, an old model Mitsubishi Pajero drove off, neighbors said. The house stands on Casimiro Tamparong corner Amadeo Neri streets in the old rich RER Subdivision.

"The driver was carrying one traveling

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## Why Cory paid Susan a visit

**By Fe Zamora**

FORMER President Cory Aquino might be seeing a "responsible leader" in Susan Roces and this may explain why the woman who stands as the symbol of democracy's return to the Philippines paid her a visit, Aquino's former media bureau chief Billy Esposo said.

"Cory is committed to the concept of democracy, and I think that she's trying to gather forces who could provide a responsible leadership through constitutional means," Esposo told the INQUIRER yesterday.

"She must be seeing one in Susan."

Esposo was not present at Thursday's meeting and offered his views based on what he knew of Aquino from his having worked with her.

Aquino's spokesperson, Deedee Siytangco, said the former President and the widow of opposition presidential candidate Fernando Poe Jr. did not discuss politics during their one-hour meeting at the Poe house in Greenhills.

"It was a purely social and personal call," Siytangco said.

But the meeting between the two widows—at a time when President Macapagal-Arroyo is rallying allies for support while battling a political crisis spawned by the release of a controversial tape dealing with alleged vote fraud— raised questions about whether it bore any political significance.

A senior Malacañang official appeared to downplay the meeting.

"The explanation is sufficient. It is a mere social call. We don't want anymore intrigues or speculations," said Gabriel Claudio, presidential adviser on political affairs.

Siytangco said Aquino initiated the meeting after she heard a report that policemen were casing Poe's house.

"She just decided to see her that day," Siytangco said.

She said the former president had planned to see Roces during the wake of her husband at the Sto. Domingo Church last December. But Aquino deferred her plans because her daughter Kris, a movie actress, could not join her.

Siytangco said Aquino was impressed with Roces for calling for calm and sobriety after former National Bureau of Investigation deputy chief Samuel Ong declared on June 10 that he had the "mother of all tapes" of Ms Arroyo's alleged

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## Salonga to GMA: Be not afraid to tell the truth

**By Dona Z. Pazzibugan and Juliet Labog-Javellana**

STATESMAN Jovito Salonga has a message for the beleaguered President Macapagal-Arroyo: Be not afraid.

According to the former Senate president, Ms Arroyo should not fear telling the truth about her alleged phone conversation with an election official suggesting poll fraud. He said Ms Arroyo's stonewalling in the face of the gravest crisis of her presidency only strengthened "the perception that indeed the tape, the alleged conversation, contains the truth."

Salonga said that depending on Ms Arroyo's explanation, the public might yet decide to "forgive" her, as the American people forgave her classmate, former US President Bill Clinton.

"To my mind, she will have a liberating experience with the truth," Salonga said in an interview yesterday. "Since she is facing a dilemma, she cannot continue her silence. It's better [to tell the truth]... It may be painful in the beginning but it will be a liberating experience. And it may be redemptive."

Salonga who, at 85, heads the civic groups Bantay Katarungan and Kilosbayan, cited a post-election cover story by Time magazine where Ms Arroyo was

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## Continente: A convict now, fulltime pa soon

**By Jocelyn R. Uy**

IN JUST nine days, Donato Continente becomes a free man. And for him, freedom means becoming a full-time father to his 6-year-old son.

Continente, 43, one of two men convicted in the killing of US Army Col. James Rowe in 1989, is set to be released from the New Bilibid Prisons (NBP) in Muntinlupa on June 28. Bureau of Corrections records show that he has served the maximum sentence of 16 years.

"I don't know if my son fully understands the situation. But last Monday he told me that when I am freed, we would go on a trip around the [metropolis]," Continente told the INQUIRER yesterday, after the Mass for Justice and Freedom celebrated at the NBP Maximum Compound Social Hall for him and other political prisoners awaiting release.

The Mass was organized by his wife, Imelda, along with her colleagues in the human rights group Karapatan.

It was on March 24, 1996, that Continente married Imelda, who had earlier offered her medical services during the national hunger strike waged by political prisoners. The wedding ceremony was held inside the NBP.

Two years later, they had a son, but Continente's role as a father was restrict-

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HERO**
REM ZAMORA
Rizal Shrine staff member Antonio Romero dusts a statue of Dr. Jose Rizal at Fort Santiago in Manila, where the national hero spent his last days in a prison cell before his public execution at the Luneta. Today would have been Rizal's 144th birthday.

**WEATHER FORECAST**

FORECAST: Mindanao including Palawan will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.

SOURCE: PAGASA

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## Laarni used to distract public, says opposition

y Philip C. Tubeza
nd Dona Z. Pazzibugan

**PPOSITION lawmakers yes- erday accused the police of try- g to divert public attention way from President Macapa- al-Arroyo's plight when it nked a mistress of former resident Joseph Estrada to the ontroversial tape purporting show Ms Arroyo cheated in e May 2004 elections.**

House Minority Leader Francis Es- udero and Anakpawis party-list Rep. rispin Beltran said the accusations gainst Laarni Enriquez should not istract the public from the issue of Is Arroyo's silence on the tape.

"Definitely, it's a diversionary tactic ut it should not lead us to lose our ocus," Escudero said. "Whatever is e source of the tape is secondary. hat is at issue is its substance. Are s contents true or not?" he added.

On Friday, Philippine National Po- ce Director General Arturo Lomibao, uoting from the affidavit of intelli- ence officer TSgt. Vidal Doble, said at Enriquez had provided the P2 illion paid to Doble by lawyer amuel Ong before the latter announced he had the "mother of all tapes" of the President's alleged phone conversation with former Elections Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano.

"The PNP's latest revelation on Ms Enriquez isn't a new twist, and it's an attempt to deflect the attention of the public from President Arroyo and the controversial tapes proving her poll fraud. Time and again, the administration has pinned the blame on the opposition for all its foul-ups," Beltran said.

He said that Doble was in PNP custody, and "it's at all likely that the supposed sworn and signed affidavit he has given implicating Ms Enriquez is fabricated."

Beltran said that what intrigues and causes strong outrage among Filipinos now isn't so much how the tapes came out or who did what to tape the conversations, but what the tapes contained and what this implies for the presidency.

House Majority Floor Leader Prospero Nograles, however, said Enriquez's involvement was "not far-fetched" since she had already been linked to the failed Oakwood mutiny after police raided her townhouse in San Juan which was allegedly used by rebels soldiers as a staging area for their rebellion.

Nograles and Davao del Sur Rep. Douglas Cagas said it was possible that Enriquez was used by Estrada as his funding conduit for the alleged destabilization plan by the opposition.

Meanwhile, Eastern Samar Rep. Marcelino Libanan, vice chair of the House justice committee, said Doble should be the first witness to appear before the House investigation on Tuesday.

Libanan expressed the belief Doble's appearance would resolve the "tale of the tape" which, he said, had become an "opposition tool to smear the administration, along with the jueteng issue."

"The sooner the issue is resolved and the culprits identified and brought to court, the better for us so we can move on to other more important tasks for our country," he said.

The PNP yesterday said it would strengthen its case against Ong, a former deputy chief of the National Bureau of Investigation, who was charged last week with inciting to sedition.

Lomibao said three persons would corroborate the reported official statement of Doble that the tape tale was spurious.

Doble, an operative of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (Isafp), reportedly said in his affidavit that Ong paid him P2 million to appear in a video to say the tape came from Isafp.

## Scandals won't affect talks – MILF

AGAYAN DE ORO CITY – Opposi- ion moves to embarrass and unseat resident Macapagal-Arroyo will not ffect the ongoing peace talks with oro separatists in the south, a rebel pokesperson said Saturday.

Eid Kabalu, the mouthpiece of the oro Islamic Liberation Front MILF), said the controversies raging n Manila were just "internal matters o be resolved by the government."

"We are taking a hands-off stance," abalu told reporters in this city. "We re not interfering on the issues that re besieging the Arroyo administra- ion. We will not take part in it."

He was referring to the recent sur- acing of wiretapped conversations purporting to show that Ms Arroyo had cheated to win last year's elections and opposition charges that her family took illegal gambling payoffs.

The President has shrugged off the charges and said she would not attend congressional hearings to probe the allegations. She has accused the opposition of sabotaging the economy in their efforts to topple her.

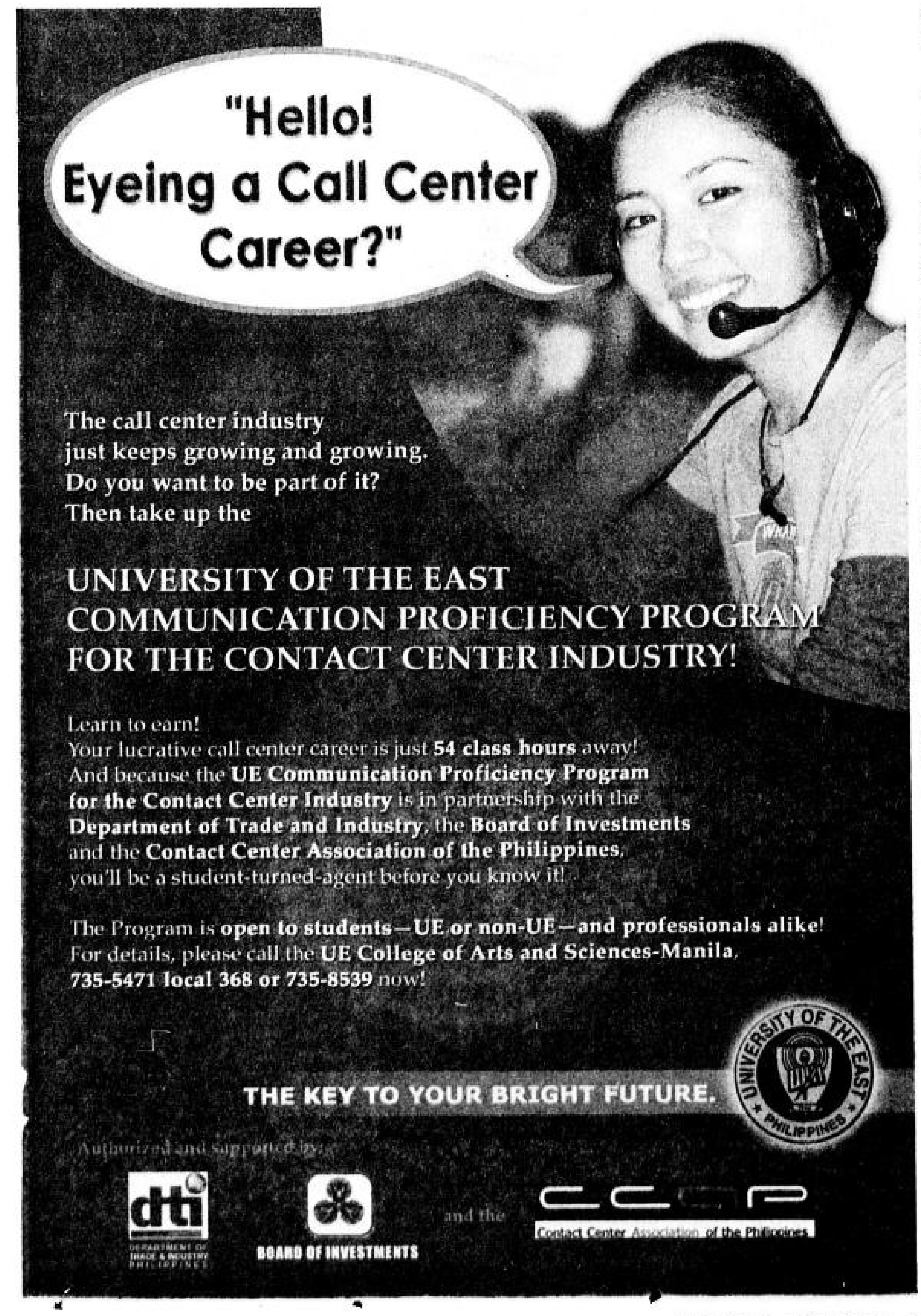
Kabalu said the MILF was not concerned with the survival of the Arroyo administration as the gains made in previous peace talks with the government "would not be lost."

"Whoever sits in Malacañang is only incidental. We believe that they will continue to honor and respect the agreements already made as these are official acts of the government," he said.

Kabalu said that third parties like the governments of Malaysia, Brunei and other member-countries of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) had fostered the talks, ensuring existing agreements would be respected.

He said the opposition had not approached the MILF leadership for help in unseating Ms Arroyo but conceded that they could approach individual MILF commanders without informing anyone.

The government has sealed a truce with the rebels and peace talks are reported to be in "the final stages" in Kuala Lumpur, but isolated clashes continue. AFP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**Luis Carlos Osorio tries to get his one-year-old son, Shawn Kevin Alvex, to interact with a penguin at the Harrison Plaza yesterday. The display of aquatic birds was part of Father's Day celebrations at the mall. The Ecos Environment Foundation brought the penguins in from Japan and exhibited them as part of its campaign to protect species and their habitats and promote a clean environment.** BOY CABRIDO

## People smart enough to see truth—Noli

By Cynthia D. Balana

THE POLITICAL turmoil brought about by the wiretap scandal was not be enough to spark another people power uprising to remove President Macapagal-Arroyo, Vice President Noli de Castro said yesterday.

De Castro, who has declared he would stand by the President up to the end of her term in 2010, said the opposition should not underestimate the people as they are intelligent enough to discern truth from lies.

"There won't be a repeat of the Edsa Revolution. Our citizens are intelligent. That will not happen again," De Castro said in an interview in which he spoke mostly in Filipino.

De Castro pointed out that all the necessary elements for a peaceful people power uprising were absent in the present situation.

He said both the military and the police were behind the President. Most of the people he talked to, particularly rural folk, were concerned about the implementation of the President's social reform agenda and economic programs, not her alleged wiretapped conversations with an election official, De Castro said.

"To me, there is no reason to have another Edsa. It is also not good or desirable to have any more Edsas in which much of the true spirit is absent. It thus becomes ineffective," he said.

Asked why the opposition has kept on pressing the President to talk about the wiretapping issue, De Castro said: "You know, the President has been in office for only a year. Maybe they are impatient. They want to take over now. Why don't they wait until 2010?"

Asked if he was willing to wait that long, De Castro said he was not even sure if he would run for President then.

"Between now and 2010, there will be many political stars that will emerge and would be wanting to run. Many things can still happen. It's too early to talk. As far as I'm concerned, I will just do my work," he said.

Asked who could be behind the wiretapping, De Castro said it could be anyone who had the high-tech equipment and the motive.

On rumors that martial law would be declared on June 21, the day the President leaves for Hong Kong, the Vice President said: "Good grief! You don't really believe that?"

## Senate to resume 'jueteng' probe despite Palace plea

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

THE SENATE after all will not heed Malacañang's plea to scrap its hearings on the "jueteng" payola scandal into which members of the First Family have been dragged.

After a two-week break, the Senate is set to resume on Friday its investigation into jueteng operations and its protectors in government.

Xerxes Nitafan, secretary of the Senate committee on public order and illegal drugs, which is conducting the joint jueteng investigation with the committee on games, amusement and sports, said invitations had been sent out for the fourth Senate hearing.

Nitafan said that, so far, no member of the committee had proposed terminating the hearings despite Malacañang's appeal that the investigation be brought to an end.

Nitafan said Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Oscar Cruz was expected to present two new witnesses on Friday but said that as in the previous three hearings, the committees had not been furnished their names in advance.

Cruz had said that one of the witnesses would implicate a "rather higher influential person," while the other witness would corroborate the testimonies of four earlier witnesses.

A source privy to the matter told the INQUIRER that the two witnesses would reveal the involvement of two members of the President's family in jueteng.

Nitafan said all the four witnesses brought by Cruz to the previous hearings were invited to return.

Admitted-jueteng operator Wilfredo Mayor, bagmen Richard Garcia and Abe Riva and bagwoman Sandra Cam had implicated President Macapagal-Arroyo's husband Mike, son Mikey and brother-in-law Ignacio Arroyo in the illegal numbers game.

Nitafan said retired Chief Supt. Restituto Mosqueda had been summoned to the hearing after he was tagged by Cam as the one who was in charge of collecting jueteng payola in Bicol for certain personalities, including Mikey and Iggy Arroyo.

Cam said Mosqueda used her bank accounts to launder the payola from jueteng operators in Bicol amounting to P1 million a month. Cam testified that one time in December last year, Mosqueda asked her to deliver P900,000 to Mikey and Iggy Arroyo at the House of Representatives.

The exposé prompted Mikey and Iggy Arroyo to file two multimillion-peso libel cases against Cam. Mikey later filed an indefinite leave of absence from Congress.

## Tape may be aired – NTC, KBP

AMID fears of a return to the days of media censorship, the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) and the Kapisanan ng mga Broadkaster sa Pilipinas (KBP) have met to clarify certain issues concerning media handling of the wiretapping scandal involving President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Following a meeting between NTC commissioner Ronald Olivar Solis and KBP president Ruperto S. Nicdao Jr., the two bodies issued an eight-point joint statement on Thursday which the two officials described as "a call for sobriety, responsible journalism, and the observance of law and the radio and television codes."

The two agreed that the airing of the controversial tape would be allowed but the TV networks must specify that it was from "an unverified source," said Anne Torres, news manager of ABC 5, one of the first networks to air excerpts of the tape.

The NTC came under criticism earlier when it issued a directive against the airing of the allegedly wiretapped conversation in which the President and election official Virgilio Garcillano purportedly talked about fixing the 2004 election.

In the joint statement, the NTC denied that it had issued "any MO or order constituting a restraint of press freedom or censorship" or that it intended to limit or restrict interviews with opposition members.

It said it was merely asking that "the exercise of press freedom is done responsibly."

"This is not a gag order. We are not making threats of closing any TV network that may commit violations. We would still adhere to the legal process," Nicdao said in an interview.

He stressed that the KBP code required that "no false statement or willful representation is made in the treatment of news or commentaries."

"It should be made clear that this tape is not authenticated and we cannot make conclusions as to its authenticity," Nicdao said.

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| June 22 | **BARAGATAN** | |
| (10am-12nn) | Motorcade with the SMART Buddy All-Stars | Puerto Princesa |
| (2pm-7pm) | Meet and Greet/ Basketball Fun games | Puerto Princesa Coliseum |
| (7pm-8pm) | Mini- Concert (Troy Montero & Jeni Hernandez) | Puerto Princesa Coliseum |
| (8pm-10pm) | ALL-STAR BASKETBALL GAME<br>SMART Buddy All-Stars vs. Hagedorn Cage Masters<br>Half-time Gimmick: Finals of the Basketball-Fun (Interschool games); Cheerdance exhibition | Puerto Princesa Coliseum |
| (10pm) | Dinner at Kinabuch | Kinabuchs Bar & Grill (Rizal Ave.) |
| | **PINTADOS** | |
| June 28 | SMART Buddy FIESTAmazing Night | RTR Plaza |
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# RP wins another award at World Expo in Japan

**By Jerome Aning**

THE PHILIPPINES has won a second award in the ongoing World Expo 2005 in Aichi, Japan, this time for a technological innovation that uses coconut fiber to arrest soil erosion and promote re-greening.

Dr. Justino Arboleda, dean of the Bicol University College of Agriculture, won one of the Global 100 Eco-Tech Awards which aims at promoting the role of technology in sustainable development and protection of the environment.

"Dr. Arboleda gets the award, and the Philippines the honors," said Tourism Secretary Joseph Ace Durano who cited the scientist's victory as a boost to the government's campaign to promote the country as a nature destination for Japanese tourists.

Arboleda pioneered the use of coconut coir geotextile nets, which are installed on eroded slopes and other degraded landscapes to arrest soil runoff and promote regreening by protecting vegetative shoots.

Geotextile, which is made of coconut fiber, degrades naturally at a rate that allows plants to "recolonize" the soil. Similar organic materials like tree branches, hay and jute degrade much too fast, particularly in tropical climates.

With the assistance of the Department of Trade and Industry and the German aid agency GTZ, Arboleda's Juboken Enterprises was able to work with another German company, Bestmann, to develop the coconut fiber rolls and geotextile nets.

Arboleda's invention has found an ecologically and economically beneficial use for the country's six billion kilos of coconut husks that constitute the bulk of farm wastes, which could be harmful to the environment if burned or dumped into waterways.

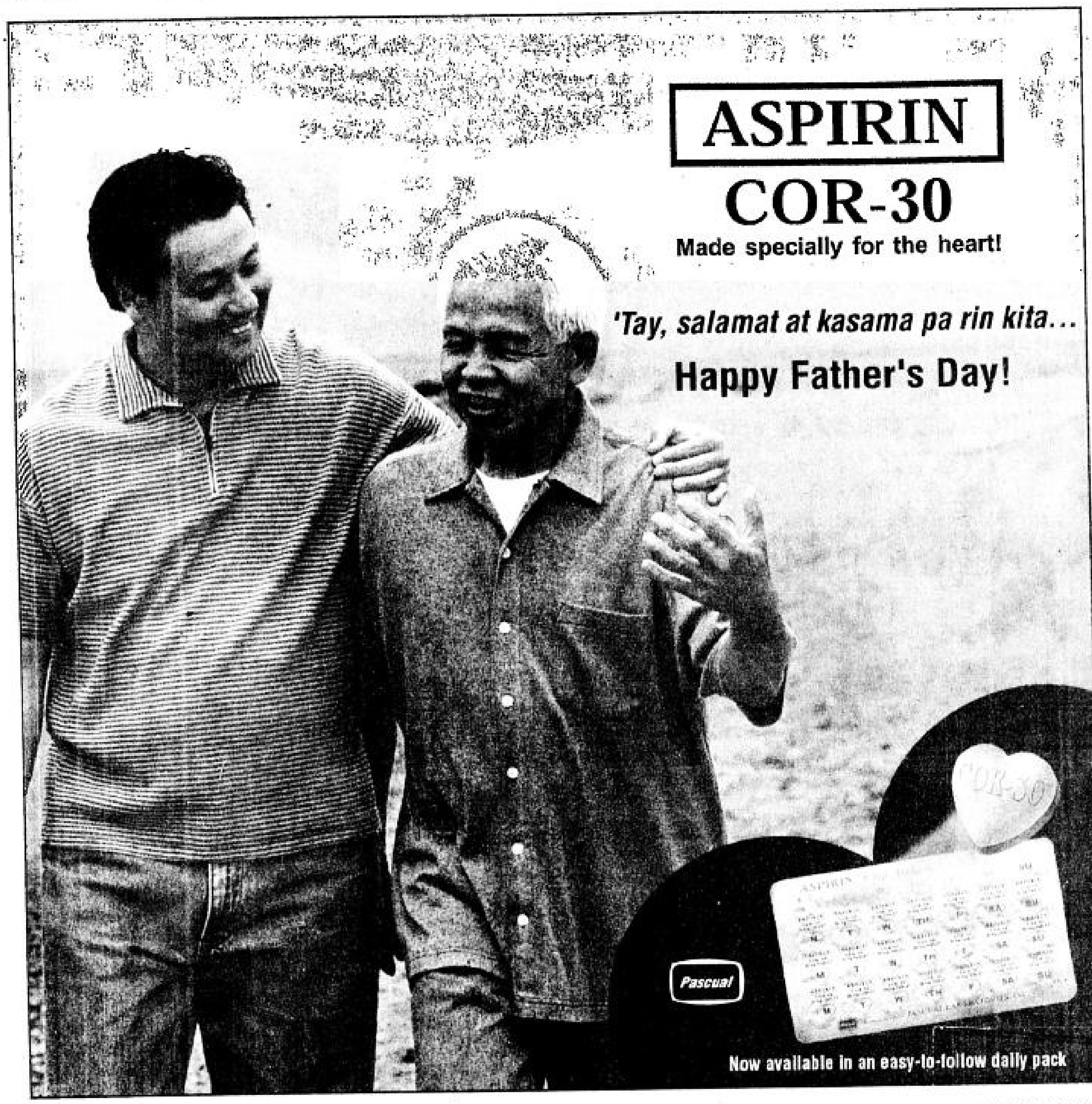
It has also provided coconut farmers with a supplemental source of income.

A small coco fiber plant employs around 40 regular factory workers. The plant subcontracts fiber twining and weaving activities to low-income households in the community. One factory can support 260 to 360 twiners and 70 weavers.

A household completing 360 coco fiber twines a day can earn as much as P8,712 each month, which is 297 percent above the regional minimum wage.

Net weaving households, on the other hand, can earn as much as P9,636 a month—329 percent above the regional minimum wage for producing one to 1.6 rolls a day.

Arboleda's coco coir was one of the natural materials used in the design of the Philippine pavilion at the exposition. It contributed to the country's winning its first award, the Nature's Wisdom Award, for encouraging people to be in social and technological harmony with nature.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# RP honors Korean War vets

AFTER almost 55 years, the Philippines will finally unveil its first monument honoring the 7,000 Filipino soldiers who fought to defend South Korea in the bloody Korean War in the early 1950s.

The "Marikorea Monument," located at Marikina Heights in Marikina City, marks the Philippines' involvement in its only conventional war since 1945.

Standing some 20 feet tall, the monument is crowned by an eternal flame atop a granite pylon.

Inscribed on metal plaques at the monument's base is the history of the Philippines' participation in the Korean War and unit histories of the five Battalion Combat Teams (BCTs) that served in Korea from 1950 to 1955.

The unveiling rites set at 8 a.m. on June 25 will be attended by South Korean Ambassador Yu Myung-Hwan, Marikina Mayor Marides Fernando, Rep. Ernesto Gidaya and Juan Sajid Imao, sculptor of the monument's eternal flame.

Coinciding with the unveiling will be rites marking the 55th anniversary of the start of the Korean War and the presentation of new scholars of the Peftok scholarship program.

The Marikorea Monument is a joint effort of the Peftok Veterans Association Inc. (the association of Korean War veterans), Marikina City and the Korean community in the Philippines.

The word "Marikorea" is derived from the words Marikina and Korea. Before their deployment to Korea, all five Peftok BCTs trained extensively for mountain combat in Marikina, whose rolling hills and rugged terrain resembled that in Korea.

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This is the charter anniversary of Cotabato City. Events stated this year are Drum & Bugle Competition, Sports Competition, Yamang Kutabato, Cultural Activities, and Street Dancing Parade.
Contact: Mr Benjamin N. Abarca, Supervising Tourism Operations Officer, Office of the Mayor, Cotabato City, DL: (064) 421.7803

**MUDPACK FESTIVAL**
June 19 | Murcia, Negros Occidental
This festival is a symbolic celebration of man's return to primitive time when he was closer to nature. It is characterized by a merrymaking of dancers with faces covered with mudpack and bodies painted with Mambukal clay.
Contact: Ms. Jennylyn Jingco, Tourism Officer, Office of the Mayor, Municipality of Murcia DL: (034) 345.2131 or Fax: (034) 345.2166

**PILI FESTIVAL**
June 20-29 / Sorsogon City
The primary purpose of this festival is to emphasize the importance of the "Pili", an indigenous crop of the Bicol region, and to increase the awareness of the public on its various economic uses.
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**WATTAH! WATTAH! SAN JUAN FIESTA**
June 24 / San Juan, Metro Manila
A fiesta in honor of Saint John the Baptist characterized by street dancing with dousing of water and live saints parade accompanied by free concerts and celebrity guests.
Contact: San Juan Tourism Office (02) 726.9844 or Public Information Office (02) 726.1866/7213

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June 24 | Balayan, Batangas
This is a celebration that coincides with the Feast of Saint John the Baptist characterized by a parade of roasted pork or "lechons" dressed in merry-making costumes and designs.
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**SAN JUAN HIBOK-HIBOKAN**
June 24 | Mambajao, Camiguin
An annual event held in honor of Saint John the Baptist featuring water sports activities like boat races, aqua palo sebo, fluvial parade/procession and search for Miss Hibok-Hibokan 2005.
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June 24-26 | Province of Batanes
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**PAGAYAYA GOES AGGAO NAC CAGAYAN**
June 24 - July 02 | Provincial Capitol Ground, Cagayan North
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**KALIGUAN FESTIVAL**
June 25-27 | Cagwait, Surigao del Sur
This is a yearly festivity in honor of Saint John the Baptist highlighted by the Search for the Perlas ng Kaliguan beauty pageant and beach dancing.
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June 28-30 | Apalit, Pampanga
The most awaited activity of this festival is the colorful fluvial procession wherein the image of Saint Peter is brought down to Capalangan to Calumpit River where a colorfully decorated mini pagoda awaits the image.
Contact: Office of the Mayor, (045) 302.5234 / 302.7033

**PINTADOS-KASADYAAN FESTIVAL 2005**
June 29, 9am | Leyte Sports Development Center, Tacloban City
This is a festival parade and street dancing competition featuring the 19th Pintados Festival of Tacloban and the 10th Leyte Kasadyaan Festival of Festivals.
Contact: DOT Regional Office VIII

**SANDUGO FESTIVAL**
Whole Month of July | Tagbilaran City, Bohol
This is the annual commemoration of the Blood Compact between Rajah Sikatuna and Miguel Lopez de Legazpi. This festival is highlighted by the Sandugo Street Dancing & Mardi Gras festivities.
Contact: Ms. Baby Ballo, Provincial Tourism Office, DL: (038) 411.3666

**ARAW NG DAVAO DEL NORTE / ARAW NG DAVAO ORIENTAL / ARAW NG DAVAO DEL SUR**
July 01 | Davao del Norte, Davao Oriental, and Davao del Sur
An event commemorating the celebration of the division of Davao into three provinces capped with civic military, sports activities and trade fair.
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July 01-02 | Piat, Cagayan North
This is the annual feast day of the Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Piat. It is an occasion where tourists and pilgrims flock to the Basilica Minore of Piat to give thanks for favors received.
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**SAGAYAN FESTIVAL**
July 02, 8am | Lanao del Norte
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July 16-19 | South Cotabato
This is an annual celebration in South Cotabato which demonstrates the importance and significance of the t'nalak cloth as the cultural image of South Cotabato.
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July 22-25 | Libon, Albay
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July 24-25 | Dapitan City
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Contact: Mr. Radiolan Porlas, Tourism Officer of Dapitan City, DL: (065) 213.6203

**MOLO DISTRICT FIESTA**
July 26 | Molo, Iloilo City
This district fiesta is in honor of Saint Anne.
Contact: Mayor Jerry Treñas, City Hall, Iloilo City, DL: (033) 337.3573 / 337.0079

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July 31 | Butuan City
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# 3 oil firms increase pump prices by P.50

By Abigail L. Ho

OIL FIRMS Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp., Caltex Philippines Inc. and Total (Philippines) Corp. yesterday raised the pump prices of their gasoline, diesel and kerosene by 50 centavos a liter, citing escalating prices in the world market.

Total increased its prices effective 6 a.m. yesterday while Shell and Caltex raised their prices at noon.

Other oil firms, including refiner Petron Corp., have yet to make their announcements as of press time.

New oil players Eastern Petroleum Corp. and Flying V said they would wait for their other competitors, particularly the big players, to act before making a final decision on price adjustments.

Last week, oil companies jacked up fuel prices by 50 centavos a liter.

Eastern Petroleum chair Fernando Martinez said a price hike could not be prevented at this time as world oil prices had again started to skyrocket.

However, market forces also had to be considered, he said.

Data from the Department of Energy showed that the benchmark Dubai crude soared to a June average of $49.66 a barrel, more than $4 higher than the May average of $45.40 a barrel.

The price of unleaded gasoline based on the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) benchmark for refined petroleum products likewise surged to an average of $57.81 a barrel in the first 16 days of June, after shooting up to a June 16 spot price of $59.03 a barrel. Last month's average was placed at $54.46 a barrel.

MOPS-based diesel also climbed to a June 1-16 average of $70.12 a barrel, more than $7 higher than the $62.74-a-barrel average posted last month. The June 16 spot price hit $72.54 a barrel.

Premium unleaded gasoline now retails at between P29.70 and P31.67 a liter, diesel at between P27.15 and P28.50 a liter, and kerosene at between P28.70 and P29.50 a liter.

**BACK IN THE SERVICE**
Military personnel who took part in the Oakwood mutiny of July 2003 wend their way to the grandstand at Camp Aguinaldo for their graduation from a two-week refresher course prior to their rejoining the Armed Forces. The enlisted men who joined the attempted coup were meted out sanctions while their officers still face charges. RAFFY LERMA

# Tax evasion costs P85B yearly—study

THE PHILIPPINES loses just over P85 billion ($1.53 billion) a year to income tax evasion, a recent study showed, underlining the huge scale of tax cheating in the country.

The figure is equivalent to about 45 percent of the country's budget deficit of P187 billion last year.

The National Tax Research Center said its study showed that unpaid taxes by salaried workers, businesses and self-employed individuals came to an annual average of P85.3 billion between 1998 and 2002.

Lina Isorena, the center's executive director, told Reuters there were signs of improvement this year thanks to a new drive against tax evasion by the government's main tax agency, the Bureau of Internal Revenue, and the Department of Finance.

"If there is less cheating now, it might have lessened out of fear," Isorena said.

The BIR said on Thursday it had filed tax evasion charges against the agriculture secretary, Arthur Yap, the highest-profile target so far in its Run After Tax Evaders (RATE) campaign.

The drive, which has featured tax evasion charges against several celebrities this year, including Regine Velasquez, Richard Gomez and Judy Ann Santos, was credited with helping raise tax collections to a record high in April, leaving the government with its first monthly budget surplus in four years.

Isorena said the center's study showed businesses and self-employed individuals were the worst tax offenders, taking advantage of the country's voluntary tax declaration system.

The gap between potential collections and actual collections was 68.9 percent for self-employed taxpayers, compared to just 7 percent for salaried workers. Businesses had a tax gap of 37.7 percent. *Reuters*

# Minimum wage hiked in Ilocos

THE REGIONAL wage board in Ilocos on Friday granted workers in the region a minimum wage hike in the form of an additional P10 cost-of-living allowance.

The Department of Labor and Employment said the wage order would be published June 20 and would take effect on July 5.

Region 1 became the last of the country's 16 regions to implement a wage hike.

Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas told a forum of businessmen last week that the wage orders were expected to benefit some five million workers in the minimum wage earning category nationwide.

St. Tomas urged all sectors to support compliance with the increase in wages that were carefully discussed with the tripartite partners and should strengthen productivity and economic recovery.

Since the beginning of June, the various regional tripartite wage and productivity boards have granted agricultural and non-agricultural workers increases in their basic pay, Cola or both. Most of the wage orders took effect last week while others will be implemented at the end of June.

But other regions will implement the increase in two installments with the second one taking effect early next year.

Many workers' groups have complained that the increases granted by the RTWPBs were small and still far from the living wage set by the government.

The wage orders may be appealed to the National Wages and Productivity Commission, which can modify the increases.

On May 1, President Macapagal-Arroyo ordered the boards to consider raising the minimum wage in the light of the increases in fuel prices and transportation fares and the looming implementation of the expanded value added tax (VAT). *Jerome Aning*

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# But where's Garcillano?

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bag when he came out from the house and then proceeded to the car," the neighbor, who has been a resident of the area for more than 20 years, told the INQUIRER.

The neighbor, who asked not to be named, said he saw Garcillano last month before the tape controversy exploded. He said he had not seen him all week.

## Choosy with people

The neighbor said Garcillano and his wife lived in the subdivision only sometime in 1995 when the ex-commissioner was the Comelec regional director in Northern Mindanao.

"It was only him and his wife who had been living there before he went to Manila [for] his new post," said their neighbor.

He said the wife even became an officer of the homeowners association but was not exactly popular with their neighbors.

In contrast, he said, Garcillano mingled more often with the neighbors, but was quite picky about people, he said.

He said said that during elections, especially last year, neighbors would notice lots of vehicles parked inside the subdivision.

The neighbor also said he learned that Garcillano had planned to transfer to a newly built house in a millionaires' subdivision in Upper Balulang in Cagayan de Oro.

Information from the Comelec indicated that Garcillano also served as Northern Mindano regional director from 1976 until 1986, under the Marcos administration. He had also been assigned to Comelec offices in Western and Central Mindanao.

A security guard said he only knew that a "tomboy" had lived in Garcillano's house.

"I have noticed that she is the only one who regularly stays in the house," the guard on duty said.

Garcillano was reportedly seen by some radio reporters at the Lumbia Airport of Cagayan de Oro on Wednesday, a day before Ms Arroyo arrived for a visit. He was also reportedly seen at a city mall on Thursday night.

Abalos said he last spoke with Garcillano before noon on June 9 when he signed Garcillano's travel authority to the Southern Tagalog and Bicol regions. Garcillano's first stop was Batangas.

The Comelec chair expressed surprise when told of reports that Garcillano had been seen in Mindanao.

## Abalos surprised

"Really? I do not know… I was calling him but I couldn't reach him," Abalos said.

He said he tried to reach Garcillano when the latter's appointment lapsed after Congress bypassed his confirmation.

Former Comelec chair Harriet Demetriou, a lawyer for the late opposition presidential candidate Fernando Poe Jr., said her information was that Garcillano was getting ready to leave for the United States.

She said that Garcillano planned to go the Kota Kinabalu route and then proceed to the United States, where his adopted daughter Christine lives.

Demetriou did not say how and where she got her information.

## 'Don't let him go'

"I have received information that Garcillano is now in Cagayan de Oro and would leave the country through the backdoor," Demetriou said.

Demetriou urged Ms Arroyo not to let Garcillano leave the country. She also challenged Garcillano to "come forward to refute my statement that it was him on the tape."

She said she was certain that it was Garcillano's voice on the tape because, as a former Comelec chair, she had talked to him a lot when he was a Comelec regional director.

Former opposition Sen. Francisco Tatad said that "a highly placed government source" had also confided in the political opposition that Garcillano contacted Ms Arroyo during her visit to Cagayan de Oro to ask her "permission" to leave the country.

## Phone off

San Juan Mayor Joseph Victor "JV" Ejercito, son of ousted President Joseph Estrada, claimed the information he had was that Malacañang told Garcillano to leave the country to avoid being questioned about the tape.

"That came from an A-1 source," Ejercito said on the phone.

Garcillano's cell phone has been inactive the past week. Even his own subordinates in the Comelec had no idea where he was.

His executive secretary, Evelyn Peralta, had taken a vacation and also could not be traced.

Most employees agreed that Garcillano should show up and confront the issues facing him.

"What can he gain by hiding? If he disappears, it would only be construed by the public as an indication of his guilt, even if many of us here in the Comelec don't believe the allegations," one employee said.

Another employee said: "If he comes out and stands by his statement that he was not involved, then the Comelec's image would no longer suffer. We, ordinary staff who face the public daily, are being regarded as cheats."

Asked if the Comelec was actively looking for Garcillano, Abalos said: "What can we do? Not that we don't want to see him, but whether he wants to show up and answer the accusations is up to him.

## A different kind of man

Garcillano's relatives in Balungao town, 46 km from Dagupan City, do not believe he is the man Ms Arroyo was talking with on the alleged tape, asserting it was not in his nature to get involved in questionable activities.

"I don't think it was him. *Hindi siya manloloko* (he is not a deceitful man)," Garcillano's sister, Wilma Galera, 51, said on the phone.

Galera, a nursing aide at the Balungao rural health unit, said Garcillano last visited his hometown on May 20.

"He just dropped by," she said. But since the tape scandal broke out, Galera said, Garcillano had not called her or three other siblings —Marivic, 45; Danilo, 53, and Violeta, 62—who all live in Balungao.

Garcillano, the third of 10 children, studied at the San Leon Elementary School in Balungao and Rosales National High School in Rosales town. He took up law studies at the University of the East in Manila.

Galera said their late parents "persevered so they could provide us with an education." *With reports from Blanche S. Rivera, Tina Santos and Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

# Continente: A convict now, fulltime pa soon

CONTINENTE with his six-year-old son Jolu

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ed mostly to writing letters to him.

Imelda would bring the boy, whom they called Jolu, along on her visits to her husband.

"It would take about an hour for him to warm up to me," Continente said as he watched the boy scampering around the social hall.

But he said he understood: "My son has spent his life outside. Sometimes we would see each other once in two or three months."

## 8 hours

During the occasional visit, after the child had become comfortable with his father, they would spend the allotted eight hours chatting and frolicking in the prison's playground.

"He would often ask me if it was really a prisoner because he couldn't see barred cells and barbed wire," Continente said.

The boy would talk about school, the things he had learned, the places he had been to. In his father's cell, he would scribble his name or draw.

He has memorized the date: June 28. According to Continente, the boy would point at the date on the calendar in his cell and tell him it was the day he would come home.

They celebrated Father's Day in advance yesterday because Continente was not sure if his son could visit him again today.

The boy gave him a Father's Day card.

## Life sentence

Continente was initially convicted as a principal in the murder of Rowe, for which he was given a life sentence on Feb. 27, 1991.

But upon review, the Supreme Court ruled in August 2000 that he was only an accomplice and lowered his sentence to 14 years.

He was recommended for release thrice under the Ramos administration's amnesty program: In January 1993, by the Presidential Review Committee secretariat; in June 1993, by the Department of Justice, and in 1994, by the Presidential Committee for the Grant of Bail, Release on Pardon and Parole.

But Continente remained behind bars, allegedly because of pressure from the US government.

## Anxiety

Continente is both excited about his upcoming freedom and plagued by anxiety.

He said there were nights when he agonized over what the future held for him outside.

"I am nervous because our society is in turmoil. And I am afraid of what they could do to me. I feel even now that they do not want me freed," he said, referring to the US government.

But Imelda said there were no more legal grounds for his continued detention.

"His release is based on the decision of the Supreme Court," she told the INQUIRER.

She admitted, however, that she was a bit wary, and would only be happy when she sees her husband walk out of the NBP with his release papers.

Continente also said that whether the US government acknowledged his release or not, his sentence would end on June 28.

Karapatan called on the Arroyo administration to respect Continente's right to freedom.

"While the US government may, as usual, try to pressure [our] government not to release [him], the challenge is there for the Arroyo administration to follow its own laws and side with its own citizen even if it displeases a foreign power," said Karapatan secretary general Marie Hilao-Enriquez.

## Thanks

Despite the torture Continente said he had suffered, he thanked the government for his incarceration at the NBP.

"I thank them because it was here that I gained a deeper understanding of politics and a realization of our society's real situation," he said. "But what I don't thank them for is that they treated me like a criminal."

He said that every time new detainees came in, they would relate to him how they were tortured.

This would always remind him of his own suffering, and of his 17-year-old brother who died after leaping from a bus to break free from unidentified men, he said.

"But I think my wounds will heal when I am truly freed," Continente said.

He said he would dedicate his time outside to fighting for his fellow political prisoners' release.

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# Why Cory paid Susan a visit

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wiretapped conversations with then Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano concerning the results of the May 2004 elections.

## Cory's impressions

"Cory even told her [Roces] that she came across as very nice," Siytangco said.

Ms Arroyo has refused to comment on whether it was her voice that was recorded on the tape, or someone else's. She has also maintained that she won the elections by a margin of a million votes over Poe, her closest rival.

Aquino, according to Esposo, "is very sensitive" about issues of democracy and the Constitution.

"You have the tape, which is very convincing, on one end, and the opposition, which does not generate electricity, on the other end," he said. "It's an explosive situation that could invite military adventurism. Cory does not like that," Esposo said.

## Time to talk

"She sees that the country would need a responsible leadership that could give direction. So this early, *baka kailangan mag usap na* (maybe there is a need to talk)," he added.

Aquino, who has been described as a "radiant moral force" and a symbol of a nonviolent movement for democracy, supported Ms Arroyo's claim to the presidency when then President Joseph Estrada was ousted in a popular revolt in 2001.

Ms Aquino was named "Woman of the Year" by Time magazine in 1986 and was awarded the Martin Luther King Jr. Non-Violent Peace Prize in 1987, among other distinctions.

She did not endorse any of the presidential candidates in the 2004 elections, but invited all candidates, including Ms Arroyo, Poe and three others, to a Mass for peaceful elections just before the May 10 polls.

## Above suspicion

Claudio also dispelled rumors that Malacañang had been keeping a close eye on Vice President Noli de Castro who, as next in the line of succession, would benefit the most from the President's ouster.

"I don't think the Vice President is casting a moist eye on the presidency; he's not the type. His support for and loyalty to the President is something that nobody questions," Claudio said. *With a report from Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.*

# *Mr. and Ms. magazine makes a bold comeback*

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chair of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, is managing what is actually her original baby.

The revitalized Mr. and Ms.—now out in newsstands and popular magazine depots—will be launched tomorrow, 6 p.m., at the Santuario de San Antonio parish center in Forbes Park, Makati.

Hunk Borgy Manotoc and "Y Speak" host Bianca Gonzalez in yoga poses are on the cover of the first issue, which carries stories on *gayuma* (charms), self-hypnosis, dwarfs and spirits, *feng shui* and superstitions.

Sen. Jamby Madrigal and her French husband, Eric Vallade, talk about life and spirituality, and advertising pillar Emily Abrera reveals her conversations with her late husband, Caloy.

Also in the 100-page magazine: Ghost stories of motorists and celebrities, snippets on Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI, and the mysticism of "Star Wars."

# Iraq more dangerous now, says envoy

**By Nikko Dizon**

THE COUNTRY'S top diplomat in Iraq reiterated the government's deployment ban to the war-torn country, saying it had become more dangerous there.

"*Sobrang delikado talaga* (It's become really dangerous). It is more deadly now than, say, three months ago," Chargé d' Affaires Eric Endaya said Friday.

Endaya said he had in fact begun going around with a bodyguard. He also discouraged Filipinos from going to the Philippine embassy there because of the "high risks" that traveling around Iraq involved.

The diplomat said he now communicates with the Filipino community there via e-mail.

The spate of violent incidents that has rocked Iraq the past weeks has led to the rising death toll among Iraqis and US troops.

## Voter registration

Despite the danger and the government's travel ban, however, Endaya said Filipinos continued to arrive in Iraq to work. They slip into the country through Kuwait, Turkey, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Abu Dhabi, he said.

Beginning October, more than 6,000 Filipinos are expected to converge on the Philippine Embassy in Baghdad to register for the overseas absentee voting, said Endaya, who is in Manila for the recently concluded training on the voters' registration.

Endaya's estimate of 6,000 registrants is 2,000 higher than the official government figures of the number of Filipino workers in Iraq.

Endaya said his estimate was based on information given by Filipino coordinators among the OFWs – most of whom work in United States military camps in Iraq. He said about 15 percent of the 6,000 were women.

# Australia to help RP assess security

SYDNEY – Australia will help the Philippines assess its maritime surveillance and response capabilities in a bid to improve security in the region, Defense Minister Robert Hill said Saturday.

The initiative emerged from a two-day security seminar held in Manila last week to examine how Australia could work more closely with the Philippines on strategic maritime security issues, Hill said.

There will also be a separate assessment of the Philippines' air-based surveillance and response system, he said.

"The complex challenges in modern maritime security require close working relationships between governments in our region.

"This conference has highlighted ways Australia and the Philippines can cooperate to enhance maritime security and is an important step in further developing our defense engagement with the Philippines," Hill said.

The seminar followed talks between Hill and Philippine Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz at the Fourth Asia Security Conference earlier this month. **AFP**

# Meco boosts assistance to Taiwan-bound OFWs

THE MANILA Economic and Cultural Office (Meco) is expanding its assistance to overseas Filipino workers bound for Taiwan and will work more closely with the Overseas Workers and Welfare Administration (Owwa) to ensure that the OFWs are completely briefed on work conditions, labor policies and support services.

Meco and Owwa recently signed a memorandum of agreement aimed at providing timely and accurate information on conditions in Taiwan and developing an efficient feedback system, including quicker response in crisis situations.

Meco will actively participate in pre-departure and post-departure orientation seminars managed by Owwa. The two also plan to conduct post-departure orientation seminars. They will also set up a committee to develop joint projects to boost support workers.

The accord was signed by Owwa administrator Mariano Roque and Meco chair Antonio Basilio.

"It is inevitable Meco would start playing a more important role in OFW affairs as more and more Filipino workers are leaving for Taiwan. We are hopeful this MOA will mark the start of an active partnership with Owwa," Basilio said.

"There have been many changes in the Taiwanese government's labor policies and there is the need to keep abreast of these changes," he added.

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## THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, June 19, 2005
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Father's Day

**1st Reading:** **Jeremiah 20:10-13**

The Lord is at my side

Jeremiah said, "I hear many people whispering,
'Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Yes, denounce him!'
All my friends watch me to see if I will slip:
'Perhaps he can be deceived,' they say;
'then we can get the better of him
and have our revenge.'
But Yahweh, a mighty warrior, is with me.
My persecutors will stumble and not prevail;
that failure will be their shame
and their disgrace will never be forgotten.
Yahweh, God of hosts, you test the just
and probe the heart and mind.
Let me see your revenge on them,
for to you I have entrusted my cause.
Sing to Yahweh! Praise Yahweh and say:
He has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked!"

**2nd Reading:** **Romans 5:12-15**

One is the grace of Christ

Brothers and sisters, sin entered the world through one man and through sin, death, and later on death spread to all humankind, because all sinned. As long as there was no law, they could not speak of disobedience, but sin was already in the world. This is why from Adam to Moses death reigned among them, although their sin was not disobedience as in Adam's case—this was not the true Adam, but foretold the other who was to come.

Such has been the fall, but God's gift goes far beyond. Multitudes die because of the fault of one man, but how much more does the grace of God spread when the gift he granted reaches the multitudes, from this unique man Jesus Christ.

**Gospel:** **Matthew 10:26-33**

Do not be afraid

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows, "Do not be afraid. There is nothing covered that will not be uncovered, and nothing hidden that will not be made known. What I am telling you in the dark, you must speak in the light. What you hear in private, proclaim from the housetops.

"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body, but have no power to kill the soul. Rather be afraid of him who can destroy both body and soul in hell. For only a few cents you can buy two sparrows, yet not one sparrow falls to the ground without your Father's consent. As for you, every hair of your head has been counted. So do not be afraid: you are worth much more than many sparrows.

"Whoever acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my Father in heaven. Whoever rejects me before others I will reject before my Father in heaven."

**Commentary**

*There will be hard times, but there will be justice and all will be uncovered. We have been taught by Light and we must shout what we have heard in the Gospel from the house tops no matter what is happening in the world. We must stand and resist with words of truth and not be afraid of what those with power in the world can do to us—and they can do some terrible things: physically, to those we love, to our hopes and dreams, our securities, our daily lives and jobs, our persons. God remembers us and holds us in his mind and hand and we are precious to our God, especially when we are suffering in any way because we are bound to God. We must live with the courage of the Spirit and the gifts of our baptism and confirmation, with grace to endure and stand up with Jesus truthfully, without harm and for those who are hurt. This is our resurrection life that began in baptism and we practice this all our lives, in good times and hard times, alone if need be, and with our communities.*

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**HELLO GARCI:** Members of Akbayan Youth play the controversial tape at Nepa Q-mart in open defiance of Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez's threat to file charges against those who reproduce and play it. JOAN BONDOC

## MILITANTS' LAMENT

# 'Even the weather is pro-GMA'

MATI, Davao Oriental—Leaders of militant groups here said certain factors were making President Macapagal-Arroyo "much harder to unseat" than her predecessor, President Joseph "Erap" Estrada.

They said these factors included the declared support of the US government for Ms Arroyo's presidency and the media's "soft" attitude toward the controversies now surrounding her.

"We admit that Gloria Arroyo is much harder to oust than Erap," said Jun Ranola, chair of the local chapter of the party-list group Anakpawis.

He said the move to oust Ms Arroyo would eventually succeed but that it would "take much longer" and would require "sustained actions."

Judy Adin Jucal of Anak Bayan said: "Many of the media organizations are softer [on] Gloria. They don't have the same zeal in exposing the anomalies of the present administration, compared to Erap's time.

"During Erap's time, almost daily we were fed media exposés on Erap's wrongdoings and corruption."

Ranola also noted that the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, Makati Business Club, and the military and police were supportive of the President.

Even nature has been kind to Ms Arroyo, Ranola said.

When rain spoiled the simultaneous "oust-Gloria" torch parade and rallies in the Davao provinces and Compostela Valley on Friday evening, he remarked: "I think the weather tonight is pro-Gloria."

### Gringo's boys

Elsewhere, the Philippine Guardians Brotherhood Inc. (PGBI), which is accused of involvement in the Oakwood mutiny of 2003, said it would not join calls for the ouster of Ms Arroyo.

**PRO-ARROYO** members of Kilos Kapayapaan from different religious groups join hands in an ecumenical prayer for peace, unity and democracy at the Welcome Rotonda, which is being used as a peace camp by supporters of President Macapagal-Arroyo. JOAN BONDOC

In a message sent to the INQUIRER, Ernesto Macahiya, spokesperson of the Guardians faction headed by ex-Sen. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, said PGBI would not heed the suggestion of retired Gen. Fortunato Abat that a military junta be set up in the event of Ms Arroyo's ouster.

Macahiya assured the President of the group's support and said its stand was arrived at after consultations with regional leaders.

"PGBI is not supporting Abat's call for a revolutionary civilian-military junta. Neither are we participating in the June 25th 'solidarity' rally. We reiterate our commitment to legal, constitutional and long-term institutional building programs to address pressing social issues," Macahiya said.

He said the current issues besetting the country were just "symptoms of wider and deeper problems" accrued from past administrations.

### 'Internal struggle'

Coconut farmers in Quezon have yet to arrive at an unequivocal stand on the matter.

"This hullabaloo against President Arroyo is actually an internal struggle among [members of] the elite, which is now calling for support from the basic sectors like the peasantry. We don't even know if the accusations against the President are true or just politically concocted," Rene Cerilla, president of the Ugnayan ng mga Magsasaka sa Quezon, told the INQUIRER during the Bukohan Forum held in Lucena City on Friday.

But for Quezon farmer-leader Oscar Santos, the President should address the tape scandal head-on.

"What is at stake here is her credibility as leader of the country," the former lawmaker said.

He warned that if Malacañang continued to evade the issue of alleged election fraud, "it could lead to the collapse of the administration."

"But we should all work together to avert it," he said. "Everybody will be affected."

Cerilla pointed out that the coconut farmers fighting for the return of the multibillion-peso coconut levy fund had managed to score "victories" under the Arroyo administration, "specifically during the watch of Haydee Yorac at the Presidential Commission on Good Government."

"Besides, several leaders have come and gone but the plight of the coconut farmers remains the same. The oust-GMA call is not yet ripe," he said. *Reports from Ferdinand O. Zuasola, PDI Mindanao Bureau; Marlon Ramos and Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

# Salonga to GMA: Be not afraid to tell the truth

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quoted as saying, "It was the Lord that put me here."

Given that, Salonga said, the President should then heed what is written in the Scriptures: "Seek ye the truth for the truth shall set you free."

"What, after all, is the presidency? What does it profit [one] if [one] gains the whole world but loses, in this case, her soul?" he went on, again quoting from the Scriptures.

### Nixon and Clinton

Salonga drew parallelisms with the experiences of Clinton and Richard Nixon, another former US president.

Nixon resigned when threatened with impeachment and conviction over the Watergate scandal.

In Clinton's case, he apologized and admitted he has lied about his affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky after he was impeached by the US House of Representatives. The US Senate threw out the charges and he subsequently won a second term.

"What happened to Clinton may happen to her. After all, there is no towering personality with great credibility in the opposition. All of them are tainted ... The people may decide to forgive her," Salonga said.

He added: "The economy is in bad shape. The stock market has plummeted. The peso has gone down. *Wala naman tayong* (We have no) alternative."

According to Salonga, no one is thinking of bringing back ousted President Joseph Estrada or installing opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson.

He noted that opposition Sen. Aquilino Pimentel had expressed disinterest in the presidency.

As for Vice President Noli de Castro, he is not a viable alternative because he is still facing an electoral protest, "and he is perceived to be nothing more than an apologist" for Ms Arroyo, Salonga said.

### 'Damaging' silence

Should the public decide not to forgive her, Salonga told Ms Arroyo: "You may be out of the presidency but you are at peace with God and with your conscience."

At present, her refusal to respond to the contents of the tape may be viewed as "admission by silence," Salonga said.

"The President's silence is damaging. And given her lack of credibility, *mabigat yan* (That's heavy)," he said.

Salonga also said the talk about impeachment could prosper if congressmen were not satisfied with Malacañang's response.

The Constitution requires only the vote of a third of all House members, or 79 out of 236, to endorse an impeachment trial in the Senate.

In 2000, then Speaker Manuel Villar was able to get the House to impeach Estrada after getting the minimum number of signatures.

"That might happen whether Gloria likes it or not. And maybe it could be a solution to [her]," Salonga said.

The veteran lawmaker who survived the 1972 Plaza Miranda bombing recalled how Ms Arroyo's father and role model, the late President Diosdado Macapagal, once admitted a mistake.

"During the more crucial part of the presidency of Diosdado Macapagal, he said *mea culpa*. I think it was a fight between [him] and the Supreme Court justices over some issue. His popularity went down. He said *mea culpa*," Salonga said, adding: "She can do the same thing."

### Decolletage

But it doesn't look like Ms Arroyo is close to speaking up on the issue of the tape, let alone issuing an apology.

According to Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago, of late her staunchest defender, the President is confident of overcoming the turmoil purportedly being used by her enemies to oust her.

Santiago recalled that at the dinner to mark the senator's 60th birthday last Wednesday, Ms Arroyo wore a short black dress with a deep neckline, a red shawl and simple jewelry.

"The decolletage was positively arresting. Maybe that indicates that she was not overly concerned about the coup [plot] or what have you because she could pay that kind of attention [to her dress]," Santiago said in a phone interview with the INQUIRER.

The President even brought to the dinner her controversial husband, Mike Arroyo, and brother-in-law, Negros Occidental Rep. Iggy Arroyo, who were both implicated in the "jueteng" scandal.

Mike Arroyo had not been seen in public functions since being implicated.

But Ms Arroyo was also on her toes, because she left the dinner after an hour to preside over two tactical meetings in Malacañang, Santiago recalled.

### Financier

By the senator's account, the President has identified the financier of what she believes to be an orchestrated campaign to oust her.

Ms Arroyo believes that the jueteng and wiretapping scandals coming her way when her popularity rating was at its lowest are part of a well-planned plot "being financed [by] a source that she knows," Santiago said.

"She is convinced that she already knows who the financier is," Santiago said, adding that the President was also "keeping a wary eye on another political personality whose people seem to be deeply involved in the campaign to unseat her."

No names were mentioned in the interview.

"Her enemies think this is the best time to move against her but they are wrong because, historically, presidents are unpopular in the middle of their incumbency," Santiago said.

She said Ms Arroyo was now in the middle of her incumbency, which started with Estrada's ouster in 2001.

### The company she keeps

At the dinner, Santiago said, the President was "in a jovial mood because she was surrounded by people with whom she feels secure."

Among those present were the senator's husband, Narcisco "Jun" Santiago, Ms Arroyo's adviser on revenue enhancement; Environment Secretary Michael Defensor and his father, Quezon City Rep. Mat Defensor; Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap; businessmen Mario Villamayor and Eduardo Go; and three ex-generals—Transportation Secretary Leandro Mendoza, Interior Secretary Angelo Reyes and Scout Ranger chief Danilo Lim.

Santiago said Ms Arroyo was also very happy to see Meralco's Manolo Lopez and his wife at the party.

"She looked enthused when she realized there were at least three of her former students [there]," Santiago said, referring to Yap, "her favorite student," and two others. Yap was charged last week with tax evasion.

Ms Arroyo's "favorite congressmen"—Prospero Pichay Jr. and Marcelino Libanan—were also around, Santiago said.

She "looked forward to meeting" Bishop Teodoro Bacani, who was to be seated next to her at the presidential table.

But she left before the arrival of Bacani, who had earlier aired a call for her to examine her conscience in the wake of the disclosure of the wiretapped conversations.

### Fighting

Santiago said the President had fire in her eyes and conveyed the demeanor of a fighting leader.

"The lady is not resigning—that is definite. They have to carry her out on her feet," Santiago said.

She said she could also say with certainty that Ms Arroyo would not declare martial law.

She added: "I expect a measurable amount of increased activity on the part of the presidency before the July 25 [State of the Nation Address]."

But the President should not lead the country to "the verge of confrontation and division" by keeping mum on the issue of the tape, said House Minority Leader Francis Escudero.

"She is raring for a fight. Why is she trying to pick a fight when we've given her another option ... the simple act of admission?" Escudero said, adding:

"Why not answer and get it over with? She should not hide behind these legal technicalities because the question would still remain. She owes it to the people." *With a report from Philip C. Tubeza*

# Not funny at all, Palace says of cell phone text jokes

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*Abangan* (Stay tuned to) the female version of Jose Pidal."

"*Sa dami ng batikos hindi magawang magsalita ng ating presidente. Bakit? Mahirap na baka mabosesan* (In spite of the brickbats being hurled at the President, why doesn't she say anything about the controversial audio tapes? Because they might recognize that it's her voice on the tape)."

"What do Mikey and Iggy's cellfone have in common? Answer: *call jueteng*."

The following is not a text joke: Malacañang is taking seriously all anti-GMA text rumors, text jokes, the peddling of CD copies of the Gloria-Garci audio tape, the wildly popular "Hello Garci" ring tone, and the Internet Web journals or blogs that have become the medium for political dissent by tech-savvy Filipinos.

"All these text messages, text jokes and other modes of disinformation go to the Office of the President and we are not taking them lightly," said Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye in an interview with dzXL radio.

"While these text messages are sometimes illogical, these are being done to create doubt or confusion in the minds of the people," Bunye said, asking texters, bloggers and CD pirates to "stop all the intrigues."

But humor is one way for Filipinos to cope with political turmoil and crises, according to a psychology professor.

"It's always been part of the Filipino's coping strategy. A lot of reports talk about Filipinos being bizarrely happy despite calamities, the economic situation," Liane Peña-Alampay of the Ateneo de Manila University Department of Psychology told the INQUIRER in a phone interview yesterday.

Laughter and humor have always been part of Philippine culture, according to Peña-Alampay, so much so that Filipinos turn to political jokes in the face of helplessness and resignation. But the political jokes also manifest how attuned Filipinos are to the current issues relevant to their lives.

Critics say that President Macapagal-Arroyo and her mouthpieces have no one else to blame but themselves for the rash of text jokes and anti-GMA messages on cell phones and the Internet.

Ms Arroyo has refused to comment on whether or not it is her voice on the controversial audio tape while her Cabinet secretaries have bungled things in defense of their leader.

Meanwhile, cell phone firms are enjoying a windfall from the boom in "forward text messages" because of the anti-GMA text rumors and jokes, not unlike the anti-Erap phenomena just before Edsa 2.

The "Hello Garci" ring tone—some even set to the music of hardcore rapper 50 Cent's "In Da Club"—has become the rage among mobile phone users. There are more buyers than copies of the CD of the Gloria-Garci audio tapes. The websites offering free downloads of "Gloria-Garci" transcripts continue to enjoy massive hits.

And the text jokes will probably continue ...

"Ung VHS ni Atty. S. Ong ay sex video ni GMA with Hernani Perez, Mike Arroyo with Vicky Toh, Mikey Arroyo with Patricia Javier, and Iggy Arroyo with Soxy Topacio."

"Sen. Osmeña was interviewed yesterday on TV and openly told GMA to commit Japanese suicide, harakiri. And openly distributed in front of the TV camera the Gloria-Garcillano CD. And challenged Sec. Raul Gonzalez to charge him with inciting to sedition."

# EU in deep crisis as budget talks collapse

**BRUSSELS—The European Union careened into "deep crisis" Saturday as budget talks failed and a two-day summit collapsed into finger-pointing, compounding turmoil over an EU constitution.**

"People will tell you next that Europe is not in a crisis," Luxembourg Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker, who holds the EU presidency, said after a two-day summit ended in acrimony.

"It is in a deep crisis." Fundamental differences between Britain, which clung to its long-cherished budget rebate, and most of its 24 EU partners proved impossible to bridge in a desperate, last-minute round of EU diplomacy.

Recriminations broke out as hopes for a deal on the 2007-2013 budget, worth about 100 billion euros a year, evaporated.

"I believe a deal would have been possible. The fact that there wasn't one is solely due to the inflexible stance of the British and the Dutch," German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder told reporters. The Dutch had demanded a cut in their annual budget payments.

"In reality we were close to an agreement," added French President Jacques Chirac, saying he "deplored" Britain's stance.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair denied being isolated by his partners at the summit table.

"We were not alone at the table," he said.

"I hope we can move forward from here," Blair told reporters, as he reiterated his call for a root-and-branch review of the way the European Union spends its money.

In a desperate, vain attempt, 10 EU newcomer states had called for new efforts to strike an accord, offering to dig deeper into their pockets if it would help. The call went unheeded.

Juncker, trembling with emotion, said their offer made him ashamed.

"When I heard one after the other, all the new member countries, each poorer than the other, say that in the interest of reaching an agreement they would be ready to renounce some of their financial demands, I was ashamed." The budget row also unmasked a deep gulf between countries like Britain, which wants a lean, market-oriented alliance, and others who want a deeper alliance with social benefits for citizens.

"During this budgetary debate there were two conceptions of Europe that clashed and will always clash," Juncker said.

"There are those who, in fact without saying it, want the big market and nothing but the big market, a high level free trade zone, and those that want a politically integrated Europe," he said.

"I have felt for a long time this debate would blow up one day." EU leaders had hoped to show unity over the budget, regaining some popular respect after French and Dutch voters' humiliating rejection of their first-ever EU constitution.

The twin ballot blow—by voters in France on May 29 and the Netherlands on June 1—threw the bloc into anguished soul-searching over its future, from how it communicates with ordinary Europeans to enlargement plans and even the future of its single currency, the euro.

EU leaders were forced to push the deadline for ratifying the constitution indefinitely beyond November 2006, setting off a wave of desertions as several member states postponed their plans to adopt it.

But the agony only intensified as the European leaders brawled over long-term financing.

A resolution was blocked, notably by Britain's refusal to bow to demands by the other 24 EU members that it at least freeze the rebate, worth 5.3 billion euros last year. *AFP*

# 200-M Chinese expected to be obese in 10 years

BEIJING—At least 200 million people in China will suffer from obesity within 10 years if current trends spurred by unhealthy lifestyles continue, state press said Saturday.

China currently has 90 million obese citizens whose weight is more than 20 percent in excess of their accepted level, said the Information Times, citing medical experts.

Among these, trends among youths were most disturbing, it added.

Ten percent of Chinese children were obese with the number increasing by eight percent annually, Chen Chaogang, a leading doctor at the hospital attached in Zhongshan University in southern Guangdong province, told the newspaper.

High fat fast-food diets and round-the-clock snacking were to blame, it said, adding Chinese had happily adopted more sedentary lifestyles centered around the television, computer and automobile. *AFP*

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# Crude oil prices hit record highs in NY, London

NEW YORK—Crude oil futures soared to all-time records Friday as worries over Nigeria combined with heightened concern over fuel supplies later this year.

The July contract on the New York Mercantile Exchange surged as high as $58.60 a barrel, eclipsing the April 4 record of $58.28 a barrel, before settling at $58.47, the highest close on record and a jump of $1.89.

In London, the Brent crude contract hit an all-time high of $57.92 before closing at $57.76, a gain of $1.54.

With supply fears high and buying momentum strong, the market rose sharply after news of the closing of the US embassy in Nigeria, a major oil supplier, amid security concerns.

"Geopolitical concerns are providing the latest spark with the announcement that the US embassy in Nigeria has been closed on unspecified security concerns," said John Kilduff, vice president of energy risk management at Fimat, in a note to clients.

"Nigeria's naturally light, sweet crude oil is prized by refiners for the ease by which it can be transformed into motor fuel, especially gasoline." Nigeria, a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and a major oil supplier to the US, is the largest oil producer in Africa and the 11th largest in the world, according to the Energy Department.

"There has been considerable unrest over the past several years," Kilduff said. "In particular, the residents of the oil-rich southern part of the country resent subsidizing the government." He also noted that Exxon Mobil Corp. reported a minor problem with a fluid catalytic cracker at its Baytown, Texas refinery on Thursday. A cracker is a key part of the process of refining crude into gasoline.

"While it doesn't appear that any processing was affected, it's just the sort of news that furthers the recent rally," Kilduff said.

Oil prices are being "driven higher by strong distillate demand," analysts at the Sucden brokerage firm said. Distillates are used for heating oil, which is now being stockpiled for the northern hemisphere winter.

Societe Generale analyst Deborah White said the market was worried about the fourth quarter when demand for crude oil would be about 2.2 million barrels per day (bpd) higher than during the same period in 2004.

"Is there enough refining capacity in the world, is there enough light, sweet crude in the world to make the incremental distillates that the market needs?" she said, echoing traders' concerns.

Analysts were expecting an increase of 4.0 million bpd between now and the fourth quarter—a figure that has fueled speculation that prices could reach $60 per barrel.

"To rally up to 60, you really need to have a refinery accident or a draw in distillate stocks," White said.

Analysts and officials have pointed out that there has been no significant investment in new refineries for about 20 years despite spiraling demand for finished petroleum products, including distillates and petrol.

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# Next giant tsunami seen just a matter of time

CANBERRA—Scientists are convinced another giant tsunami will one day sweep across the Indian Ocean—what they are not sure about is when.

Almost six months after the deadly Dec. 26 tsunami, triggered by a magnitude 9.15 earthquake, scientists are keeping a close eye on aftershocks and the increased earthquake activity around Indonesia as they try to work out when the next big one will hit.

"It could happen any time, it could take another 20 to 50 years, or another 200 years," Phil Cummins, senior earthquake analyst at the Australian government's seismic monitoring organization Geoscience Australia, said.

The area is part of the world's most active earthquake zone that runs along the Java-Sunda trench to the west and south of Indonesia and then curves to run across the top of New Guinea island, accounting for about one third of the world's earthquakes.

Cummins said the activity was caused by the movement of tectonic plates that make up the earth's surface. The Indo-Australian plate is pushing north and under the Eurasian plate by about five or six cm a year.

That annual movement might not be much. But when pressure builds up over one or two centuries, the result could be a powerful earthquake that results in the earth suddenly moving as much as 12 meters or more.

That's what happened off the west coast of Indonesia's Sumatra island on Dec. 26 last year when an estimated 1,200 km of fault line slipped about 20 meters.

The huge rupture caused the biggest earthquake in 40 years, lifting the sea floor and causing a tsunami that swept across the Indian Ocean, hitting 13 nations and leaving about 230,000 people dead or missing.

Indonesia was the worst affected, with 166,000 people dead or missing in Aceh province on the northern tip of Sumatra.

A second earthquake with a magnitude of 8.7 struck the island of Nias off Sumatra on March 28, leaving more than 900 dead, while a 6.9 magnitude earthquake southeast of Nias rocked the area on May 14.

Professor Ray Cas from Melbourne's Monash University, said the increased number of smaller earthquakes in the region made it less likely another major quake was on the way.

"The more small-scale earthquakes that occur in that region, the better. But that doesn't mean that somewhere else along that fault zone, you won't get a similar build up of pressure," Cas told Reuters.

"It's in zones where there are known active faults, and where there has been little significant earthquake activity for some time, that there is a need to be concerned."

However, Professor John McCloskey of the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland, who predicted the Nias earthquake, this month said the region was vulnerable to another major earthquake and tsunami further south, near Siberut island, also off Sumatra but south of Nias.

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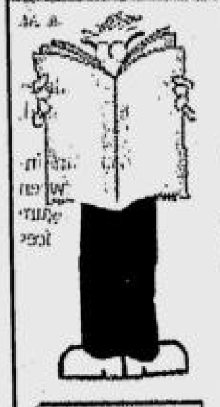

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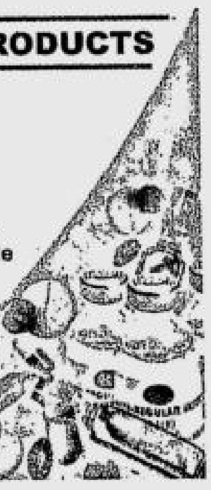

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NEW YORK—The names, banks and account numbers of up to 40 million credit cardholders may have been accessed by an unauthorized user, MasterCard International Inc. said.

The credit card giant said Friday the security breach involves a computer virus that captured customer data for the purpose of fraud and may have affected holders of all brands of credit cards.

It said the breach was traced to Atlanta-based CardSystems Solutions Inc., which processes credit card and other payments for banks and merchants.

The compromised data did not include addresses or Social Security numbers, said MasterCard spokesperson Sharon Gamsin. The data that may have been viewed—names, banks and account numbers—could be used to steal funds but not identities.

Gamsin said she did not know how a virus-like computer script that captured customer data got into CardSystems' network, which MasterCard said was infiltrated by an unauthorized individual. Neither company would elaborate.

The FBI was investigating.

The incident was the latest in a series of security breaches affecting valuable consumer data at major financial institutions and data brokers in an increasingly database-driven world.

The breach appears to be the largest yet involving financial data, said David Sobel, general counsel at the Electronic Privacy Information Center.

"The steady stream of these disclosures shows the pressing need for regulation of the industry both in terms of limitation in the amount of personal information that companies collect and also liability when these kinds of disclosures occur," Sobel said.

A flurry of disclosures of breaches affecting high-profile companies including Citigroup Inc., Bank of America Corp. and DSW Shoe Warehouse has prompted federal lawmakers to draw up legislation designed to better protect consumer privacy.

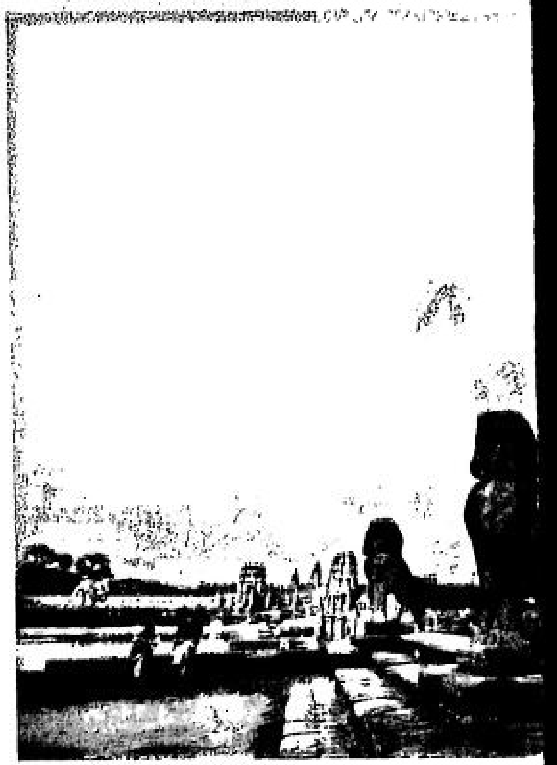
MasterCard, which said about 14 million of its own cards were exposed, first announced the breach in a news release Friday afternoon, saying it was notifying its card-issuing banks of the problem.

However, CardSystems said late Friday in a statement vetted by the FBI that it first learned of a potential breach on May 22. It said it was told by the FBI not to release any information to the public. The company said it was surprised by MasterCard's decision to go public.

"We were absolutely blindsided by a press release by the association," CardSystems' chief financial officer, Michael A. Brady, told The Associated Press when reached on his cell phone. He refused to answer any questions and referred calls to the company's chief executive, John M. Perry, and its senior vice president of marketing, Bill N. Reeves.

Reeves said the information the company gathered initially was "on a need-to-know basis." He said he could not comment beyond a company statement, which did not give any details about the breach but noted that CardSystems is implementing increased security measures.

"I understand and fully appreciate the seriousness of the situation," Reeves said. *AP*



SUU KYI in February 25, 1999 photo. REUTERS

# Campaign to free Suu Kyi unlikely to move junta

By Denis D. Gray

BANGKOK, Thailand—Thousands of birthday cards have been sent and a pop star will release a song to draw attention to the plight of Burma's pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi as she marks her 60th birthday and 2,523rd day under military detention on Sunday.

Isolated from the outside world and her decimated political party, Suu Kyi is confined to a now dilapidated, two-story family house sealed off around the clock by security forces in the Burma capital of Rangoon (also called Yangon).

The Free Aung San Suu Kyi campaign signifies that the Nobel Peace Prize laureate—articulate, attractive and unquestionably brave—remains the great hope for those around the world seeking to end more than four decades of harsh military rule in her homeland.

But within Burma, also known as Myanmar, the efforts before Suu Kyi's birthday are unlikely to lead either to her release from house arrest or less autocratic rule. The generals have long proved virtually impervious to outside pressure, even economic sanctions from the United States.

"We are trying to use the opportunity of Suu Kyi's 60th birthday to galvanize public opinion and politicians into finally taking some action on Burma. The international response has been quite pathetic since her latest arrest," says Mark Farmaner, spokesman for Burma Campaign, United Kingdom.

Little more than statements of concern followed Suu Kyi's last detention in May 2003 after a pro-government mob savagely attacked her car convoy in northern Burma, killing a number of her companions.

This muted response, especially from Asian nations and the European Union, has led to a deterioration of conditions in Burma and greater isolation of Suu Kyi than during her previous periods under house arrest, Farmaner argues.

According to sources close to the pro-democracy movement in the Rangoon, Suu Kyi's only human contacts with the outside world are her two personal doctors whose visits have been curtailed since last year. Two members of her National League for Democracy do the shopping but must deliver thoroughly searched packages at the gate of her unkempt compound, the garden of which resembles a jungle.

Suu Kyi dismissed the 13 youths from the NLD who provided security in mid-December in protest of the military's demand that she reduce her security contingent. And the military liaison officer with whom she had contact since her first detention in 1989 was jailed last year in a power struggle and hasn't been replaced.

Suu Kyi is believed to be healthy and has not been physically harmed by her captors.

"It's international attention and public profile which has kept Aung San Suu Kyi safe," says Farmaner, whose group is orchestrating the campaign for her release in the United Kingdom.

The global effort is modeled after the 1988 "Mandela at 70" campaign to free Nelson Mandela from imprisonment in then apartheid-era South Africa. Protests were held at several Burma embassies around the world Friday and activists delivered 6,000 birthday cards at Burma's mission in Washington. *AP*

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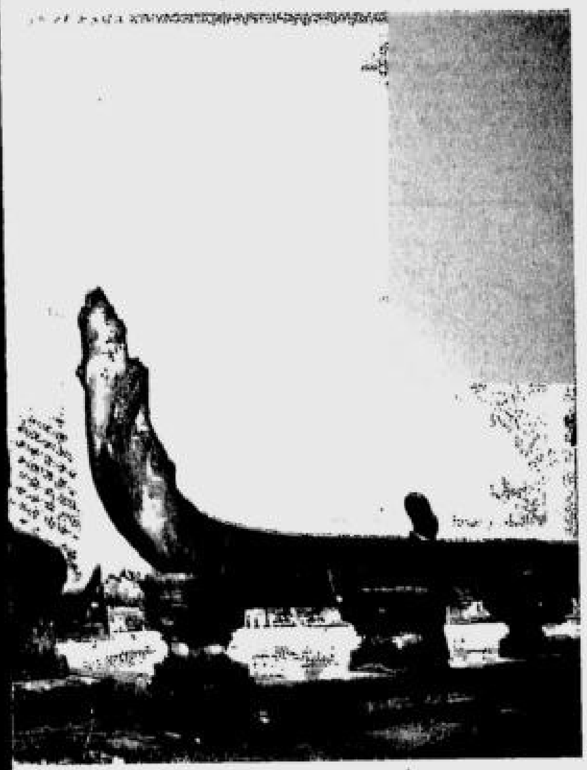

**STILL** a crowd-drawer despite recent hostage crisis—two rainbows cross over the Angkor Wat in Siem Reap June 17. Dutch tourist Suzan Kock saw the school siege here on television as she was buying her plane ticket to visit the famed Angkor Wat ruins, but like most visitors at Cambodia's premier attraction, she came despite a moment of doubt over her safety. AFP

SIEM REAP, Cambodia—Cambodian authorities said Saturday they suspected more men may have been involved in this week's school siege where an armed gang took dozens of children hostage and killed a young boy.

Police requested that the four men arrested for the attack not immediately be sent to court as authorities continued grilling them over Thursday's incident, which shocked this quiet gateway town to the Angkor Wat temples.

"We have to find out more in case there were other people involved who remain at large and may commit crimes on other people," said Ou Em, bureau chief of serious crime in Cambodia's northwestern Siem Reap.

"I have asked the prosecutors to delay sending them to court for 72 hours (from their arrest on Thursday) because I have more things to question them about.

"There are many suspicious points about the case... there are contradictions between their testimony (to police) and the realities of the incident," he said.

Officials say they suspect more people might have been involved because the attackers demanded that six rather than four guns be given to them during the drama. An onlooker also told AFP during the hostage crisis that there were suspicions two men had escaped.

At least four men armed with a single handgun stormed into a classroom at the Siem Reap International School and took about 30 hostages.

Early on during the seven-hour stand-off they killed two-year-old Canadian Maxim Michalik to show police who had surrounded the school they were serious about demands for more weapons, cash and a getaway vehicle.

Chea Sokhon, the 23-year-old alleged mastermind of the gang, told police that the attackers were going to murder the children of a South Korean businessman who had slapped him while he was working as a driver for the man in Siem Reap.

On Friday, police said the South Korean had admitted to striking Chea Sokhon, but on Saturday Ou Em said it was possibly another South Korean man working for the businessman who had assaulted him.

Police said Chea Sokhon, an ex-security guard, told them he and his accomplices panicked when security forces descended on the school as they failed to find the businessman's children.

With one child dead, police refused to give the men more weapons but did provide a van into which the attackers bundled several other children, aged mostly between two and six, and tried to escape.

But police overpowered the men as they tried to leave the school compound, and the four were badly beaten by a crowd of irate onlookers outside the school, said a witness who thought two were killed.

The other three men arrested were Thim Chem, 20, and Vanti Sopheak, 22, who had once worked with Chea Sokhom at Protex security company, as well as Sin Tha, 22, who police identified as a cement worker.

A fifth man, 29-year-old Ol Somnang, was detained early Friday after being accused by Chea Sokhon of hatching a robbery plan months ago. He remains in custody but it was unclear what charges he will face, if any. *AFP*

**RAFSANJANI** casting his ballot in Tehran June 17. REUTERS

# Iran presidency poll heads for unexpected runoff

TEHRAN—Moderate cleric Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani was leading on Saturday in Iran's presidential election but the vote was heading for an unprecedented runoff after no candidate secured an outright win, officials said.

"It has been a completely unpredictable election and one still cannot foresee the final result," Deputy Interior Minister Mahmoud Mirlohi told reporters as counting of the votes from Friday's election continued.

The Guardian Council said former president Rafsanjani held a narrow lead with nearly 21 percent of the 23 million valid votes counted out of an estimated 32 million cast.

He was followed by Tehran's conservative former mayor Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with just over 19 percent and reformist cleric Mehdi Karroubi on just over 17 percent.

Hardline ex-police chief Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf and reformist former higher education minister Mostafa Moin trailed with a little over 14 percent each, the council figures showed.

"There's a high possibility that Rafsanjani and Ahmadinejad will go through to the second round but we should wait and see," said Mohammad Jahromi, a Guardian Council election official.

To avoid a run-off, one of the candidates needed to obtain at least 50 percent of ballots cast.

Gholamhossein Lham, spokesman for the Guardian Council supervisory body, said the second round would be held on Friday, June 24.

It was the first time since the 1979 Islamic revolution that a presidential vote had failed to produce a first-round winner.

Whoever wins, unelected Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has the final say on state affairs and anti-Western hardliners hold key levers of power, like security and the courts.

The preliminary results stunned the Moin camp, which had exuded confidence that the reformist contender would go through to a second round against Rafsanjani.

Some blamed voters dazzled by Karroubi's campaign promise to pay all Iranians over 18 a monthly stipend of about $60.

"I'm very sorry for the capable people we have in this country, when other people selfishly vote for their $60," said Hassad Saeedi, a 25-year-old Moin supporter.

"This puts me in a very difficult position but I will definitely vote in the second round as the country would go into paralysis under Ahmadinejad," he said, indicating that he would switch his vote to Rafsanjani in the run-off.

"He has certainly promised a lot and people say he is the one who can sort things out." Rafsanjani is a veteran politician who wants better ties with the West and would be likely to pursue a pragmatic reform programme, liberalising the economy and preserving social freedoms without antagonising the powerful clerical elite.

"I have promised people to continue reforms and I am sure I can deliver my promises," he said after voting.

His campaign portrayed him as the only one with the political savvy and influence to resolve Iran's nuclear standoff with the West and repair ties with Washington.

After a lively campaign featuring Western-style television adverts and noisy street rallies that flouted normally strict Islamic moral codes, turnout was about 69 percent of Iran's youthful electorate of 47 million, the Interior Ministry said. *Reuters*

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## A legitimate issue

**EDITORIAL**

YESTERDAY, we noted the "view from the outside" on the political crisis that has overtaken the nation. In particular, we seized upon a recent statement by Ronald Meinardus of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation, to draw the important distinction between politics and governance. "These days," the foundation's Philippine representative said, "the political class in the Philippines is not concerned with governing, but preoccupied [with] other things."

In the context of global economic trends, this preoccupation with the politics of scandal is truly unfortunate, even tragic. The political class will always have access to economic opportunity, whether here or abroad; the rest of the country will bear the economic consequences of today's political turmoil.

But none of this is to say that the alleged taped conversations between President Macapagal-Arroyo and former election commissioner Virgilio Garcillano are a trivial matter, a political ploy that is best ignored.

Let us be clear. The alleged tapes are a legitimate public concern. It is therefore in the national interest that we get to the truth about them. The real issue is not possible violations of the Anti-Wire Tapping Law, or possible acts of destabilization; it is possible election fraud.

But it is a legitimate concern bedeviled by the opposition's own rush to judgment, its eagerness to accelerate the process by pushing its own conclusions.

Two glaring examples. Opposition leader and presidential rival Sen. Panfilo Lacson said he submitted a copy of the alleged wiretaps, together with voice samples of the President and Garcillano, to an Australian company for voice analysis. Apparently, he paid over P300,000 for the analysis purely out of the goodness of his heart.

Failed senatorial candidate Francisco Tatad did the same thing, sending copies and samples to a US company, also apparently because the long-time administration critic had money to spare but no axe to grind.

These transparent attempts to score easy political points only serve to muddle the issue, because they add personal and political motives to the mix. Like the discredited or obscure opposition figures who surrounded Samuel Ong during his first news conference, these purported voice analyses sourced by Lacson and Tatad raise more questions than answers. (Verification through the auspices of the Department of Justice or the National Bureau of Investigation would be similarly suspect.)

If the alleged principals in the conversations (the President, Garcillano, former senator Robert Barbers, to name only three) deny they are involved or continue to maintain a studied silence, then the alleged wiretaps must be authenticated by an independent group—with the authentication also paid for by a neutral third party.

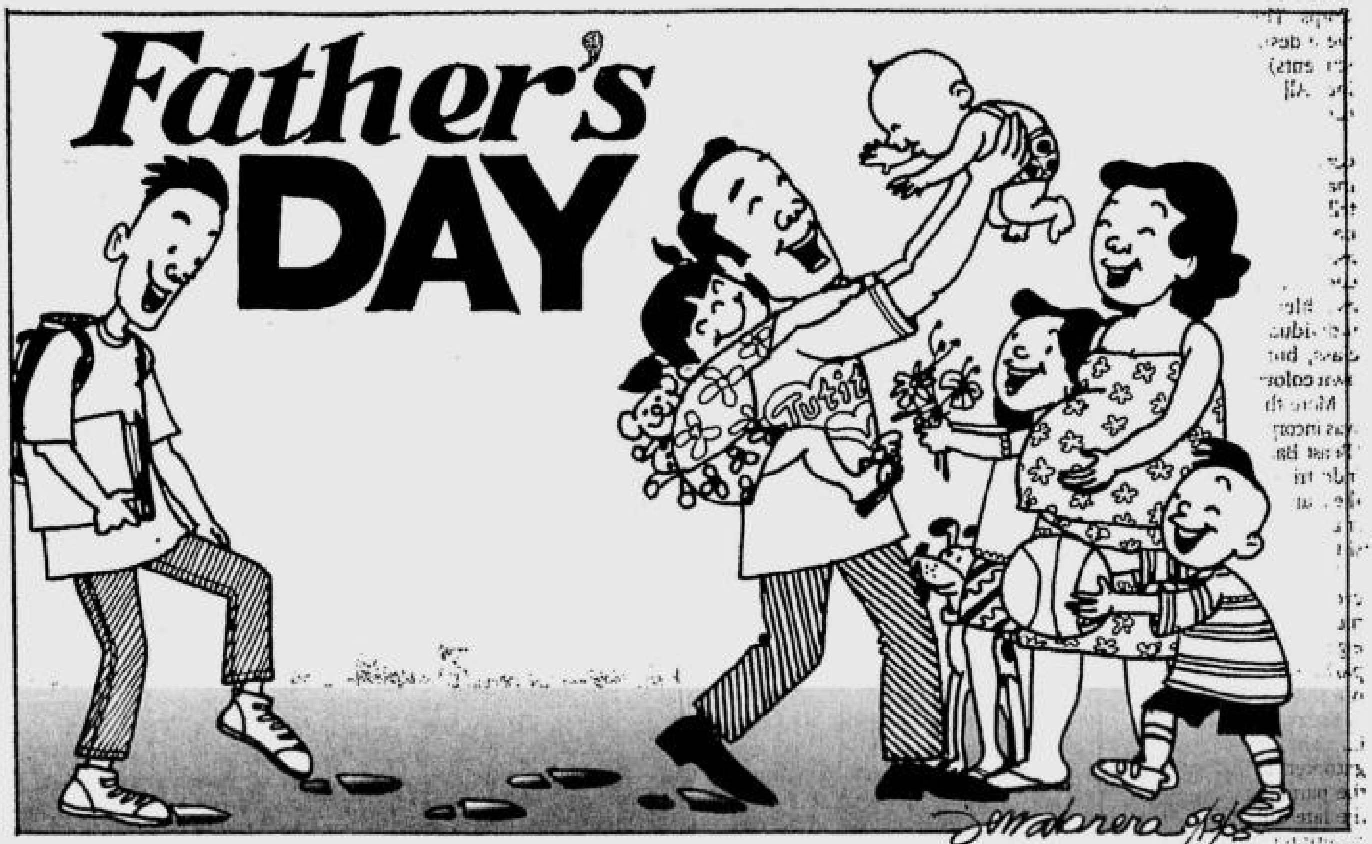
This may take time, because it would be difficult to get, say, a multi-party grouping of congressmen or a committee of retired Supreme Court justices, to come together and have the tapes checked. But it will be time well worth the wait, because we believe the results would be credible to the great majority.

Alternatively, the President can simply break her silence. In fact, we urge her to do so. The presidency is often called the bully pulpit because of the essentially moral nature of the office. Moral imperatives constrain her (or liberate her, depending on one's point of view) to address the truth of the tapes.

But we also realize that, in the siege mentality that has now enveloped Malacañang, moral niceties have necessarily taken a back seat to legal strategies and political considerations.

At this time, the administration's overall plan seems clear: keep silent on the tapes, and paint those who bring up the issue as "detractors," "destabilizers," enemies of reform. Administration officials won't be able to keep this up for long; it is a wonder that they even thought this strategy would work in the very near term.

The tapes are a legitimate public concern; if the President's role in them is not sufficiently addressed, this administration would soon find itself increasingly unable to govern. It would be terminally preoccupied with other things, like politics.



## Rizal and censorship

**SEPARATE OPINION**

*Isagani A. Cruz*

I DID not write about Independence Day last Sunday because I thought I should do it today to also commemorate the birth anniversary of Jose Rizal. For this double purpose, let me quote some excerpts from a speech I delivered two years ago before the PEN:

Not being an authority on Rizal, I will speak about him only tangentially. I will talk about one particular passion he cherished as the lodestar of his life that also became the consecration of his death. That passion was freedom of expression.

It was with this freedom that he wrote the Noli and the Fili, his predictions about the Philippines a century hence, his letter to the women of Malolos, his youthful poems dedicated to the Motherland, and his Ultimo Adios as his farewell message to the nation he loved with the ardor of a smitten poet.

Rizal was a man of peace and had misgivings about an armed revolution against Spain. He believed it could not succeed because the Filipinos had no arms. He felt instead that the fight against the Spanish administration should be waged not with bullets and bayonets but with the incisive pen. In this less violent but cerebral struggle, he would be the commander-in-chief.

And his troops would be no less valiant than the Katipuneros who dared the Castilian forces with rusted rifles against haughty cannon. His soldiers marched across the pages of his books like a mighty army. They were Crisostomo Ibarra and the tragic Maria Clara, Sisa looking for her two sons and Padre Florentino for the youth of the land, the courageous Elias and the sage Filosofo Tasio, Simoun the angry but failed avenger, and, yes, Padre Damaso and Padre Salvi, each with his own lust for the mother and her daughter.

We all appreciate Rizal's obdurate resistance to the machinations of the Spanish government to suppress his novels. He was invoking his right against previous restraint, more commonly known as censorship. Censorship is anathema to liberty. It is the process by which the government presumptuously assumes the role of moral, political, social and artistic guardian of the regimented society and deprives the individual of his inherent right of choice.

Who is the censor to tell us what is good and what is bad for our salvation? We do not need even a priest to tell us these. Each one of us is a rational individual, with his own conscience, his own tastes, and his own convictions. Each one of us is *sui juris*. The censor may be our equal, and most likely our inferior, and he is certainly not superior to us when it comes to our personal likes and dislikes and our own views of the purpose of life.

The squeamish may shrink at the aberrations of the times we live in but we cannot simply gloss over them with a veneer of respectability. The inescapable fact is that they are a part of our present society and we cannot exorcise them by simply ignoring them as if they were woven out of pure cloth. This is an imperfect world. We are not even in the Victorian age. AIDS cannot be treated if the afflicted is ashamed to consult a doctor nor can breast cancer be detected if the woman is too modest to disrobe.

In Noli Me Tangere, Rizal wrote of the sick who in ages past were exposed on the steps of the temple so the gods could heal them. He submitted (at risk to his own life) that the maladies of our country should be similarly uncovered so they could be corrected. The censors of his time said he could not do this and executed him at the Luneta for insisting that he could and should, as he boldly did. The mortal in him perished, but not his ideas that even now affirm the sharper weapon of the word against the sword.

Our implacable idealist could have survived and probably lived to a ripe old age if he had succumbed to the blandishments of the Spanish government and agreed to suppress his works. Perhaps they would have even given him a lifetime pension. He could have then devoted his attention to the many other facets of his genius less provocative than his audacious aspirations for the freedom of his country.

Agreeing to the censorship would have been his license to live longer; objecting made him choose to die young, but only in a physical sense. There was never any doubt about his choice.

The Spanish rulers considered Rizal a terrorist because he was against the existing order and demanded its revamp. He did not bomb helpless civilians and hurl grenades at innocent people, but in a real sense he brought about the revolution that freed us from Spain at the cost of thousands of lives of Filipinos who were willing and prepared to die for their country. Rizal, brandishing not a saber but the creed of liberty like Moses proclaiming the Ten Commandments, was their leader.

It is a badge of heroism that Rizal, at 35, had his life spread before him like a bright enticement, but he chose instead to face the firing squad. For that courage that ultimately freed his country, he deserves our continuing gratitude and veneration as the perfect patriot of the Philippines.

## Be not afraid

**MOMENTS**

*Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD*

QUESTION: Is the camote (sweet potato) a fruit or a vegetable?

Answer: It is a fruit because when you eat it, you get so much air in your stomach, and when you break wind, the sound "fruuuut" comes out.

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**In today's Gospel (Mt. 10, 26-33) Jesus tells His disciples not to be afraid for "nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, no secret that will not be known." More than ever, let these words of Jesus ring out loud and clear to the Filipino people that truth shall prevail in the end. On the other hand, let Jesus' words be a warning to those who hide, manipulate, or block truth for their own interests and agenda in order that their wickedness will be made known.**

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Someone once said that truth is tough. It can be kicked, slammed, hidden or beaten black and blue, but, it cannot be broken. It will stay. It will surface. A lie, on the other hand, is fragile, for it has to sustain its previous lies. It has to remember, and it has to be always on guard. Consequently, he or she who holds the truth is at peace. He or she may have to suffer for it, because truth hurts, but he or she is free. But he or she who lies suffers more, because he or she is never at peace and is imprisoned by the very lies he or she has woven.

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**In a Mass with the Korean visionary Julia Kim last week, she told me that she saw a vision. She saw a snake that was going to attack her, but she was able to crush it with her foot. Then came another snake, which she too was able to crush. When I asked her what the vision meant, she said that truth and goodness will triumph in the end. Goodness and truthfulness will be victorious. What a beautiful message of hope. Let us pray that truth and goodness will reign in our land.**

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It is scary to stand for the truth, and to stand by the truthful, but the assurance is there—"you are worth more than many sparrows." God is on the side of the truth and of the truthful. Unfortunately, the truthful side is not a comfortable side because it is often laden with persecution, harassment, intimidation and even death. But the bottom line is: Did I stand for the truth? Did I stand by the truthful? Ultimately, did I stand for Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life?

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**"Face the light, and your shadow is behind you. Turn your back to the light, and your shadow will always be in front of you." Lying has its own temporary rewards, but it also has its own permanent agony and scars.**

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Let it play! Maybe you have one with you right now. Take a moment to look for a cassette recorder/player, and you will see the following buttons: PAUSE, STOP, EJECT, FORWARD, REWIND, PLAY, RECORD. What lesson can we learn from these? The reason why we don't live beautiful lives is that we keep on pressing the REWIND and the FORWARD buttons. Let it play! And don't forget the PAUSE button—let us pray! The STOP/EJECT buttons are best reserved for God. Let us not interfere with His truth and with His plans. And remember everything we have said and done is on RECORD, and He holds the master tape in His hands.

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**In these very uncertain times, anything can happen. Anyone of us who stands for the truth can be persecuted by those who are desperately trying to preserve their lies. We take courage in Jesus' words: "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but can not kill the soul." So be it. Let it play. Thy will be done, Lord. Our only consolation is that we stood for the truth, we stood by the truthful, and we did not deny Jesus Himself who is the way, the truth and the life!**

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At this point in time, all of us, especially the Church and its leaders must ask: Did I serve as a smoke screen to obscure the truth, or did I serve as a searchlight to reveal it? Did I bring out the truth, or did I muffle it by my silence?

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**For those who lie, for those who perpetuate and institutionalize lies, for those who allow themselves to be used by liars, we beg you to bend your knees before God and allow His spirit of truth to permeate and embrace you. Nothing more, nothing less. Only God's spirit can save you and free you from your shadows and from your prisons.**

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We must stop the termites of lies, untruthfulness and corruption that now pervade our land. We must go back to truthfulness and honesty, otherwise the house that we have built will collapse and go down. We all must be vigilant, for truth to triumph. We must be doubly vigilant in monitoring our leaders and institutions that claim to protect us, or to investigate for us, or to deliver justice to us, for they themselves could be used against us.

Through it all, let us ask our Blessed Mother to hold and embrace us. Heal our land! Banish the termites from our land, Lord!

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**Think about it: Those who give in to lies, even to white lies, soon become color blind.**

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**A moment with the Lord:**

*Lord, help me not to be afraid to stand for truth, to stand by the truthful, and to stand for you, the Way, the Truth and the Life. Amen.*

# Incorporation rites

**REVEILLE**

*Ramon J. Farolan*

YESTERDAY, the Philippine Military Academy carried out one of its oldest traditions—the ceremony of "incorporation." From the time they were accepted as cadets last April 1, the members of Class 2009 marched as a New Cadet Battalion (NCB) segregated from the main body of the Corps. Their only contact with upper classmen were designated second class cadets (third year students) who served as the officers of the battalion. All others, third class and even first class cadets were off-limits to the newcomers.

**Yesterday, the Class of 2009, 216 strong and composed of 193 men and 23 women, were formally integrated into the Corps. They were distributed to different companies which for the next four years will serve as their permanent assignments. They will now compete against each other in various fields of endeavor—such as athletics, debates and military drills—not as individuals, not as members of a particular class, but as members of a company with its own colors and customs.**

More than 50 years ago, my own Class of 1956 was incorporated into the Corps after two months of "Beast Barracks," a grueling period of training and indoctrination preparatory to being assimilated into the mainstream of academy life. We were a relatively small group, about 80 members, and the Corps consisted of roughly 300 or more cadets, all male.

Today, the Corps has a total strength of 1,105 cadets, including 115 females. From four companies during our time, the Corps has expanded to eight companies forming four battalions, and the parade ground at Fort del Pilar now can just barely accommodate the entire formation.

On the invitation of the PMA superintendent, Lt. Gen. Cristolito Balaoing, I spoke to the cadets gathered in line formation on Borromeo Field, the parade ground of the Academy named after the late Col. Patrocinio Borromeo who served as superintendent in the early '50s. The grandstand overlooking the parade area is named after Brig. Gen. Tirso Fajardo, a West Pointer who was the first post-war superintendent and who implemented the transfer of the Academy from Camp Henry T. Allen in the heart of Baguio City to Loakan, some 10 kilometers away.

In the light of the recent scandals involving graduates of the Academy, I reminded the cadets of the Honor Code which actually lays down the minimum standard of ethical behavior expected of cadets. I am grateful for the interest and concern of individuals like J. Antonio ("Toti") Mendoza, a member of the Ateneo High School Class of 1955. Toti, a military history buff, sent me an article on the "Spirit of the Honor Code," the work of a commission created by the United States Military Academy to review its Honor Code and System. The Posvar Commission, chaired by Dr. Wesley Posvar, was made up of distinguished Army officers and civilians from the public and private sectors.

Some excerpts from the Commission's report on the Spirit of the Honor Code read as follows: "It is the Spirit of the Code that gives rise to the specific tenets of the Honor Code itself.

- The Spirit of the Code embraces truthfulness in all its aspects. The Honor Code prohibits lying.
- The Spirit of the Code calls for complete fairness in human relations. The Honor Code prohibits cheating.
- The Spirit of the Code requires respect for the person and property of others. The Honor Code prohibits stealing.
- The spirit of the Code demands a personal commitment to upholding the ethical standards which gird the profession of arms. The Honor Code prohibits toleration of violations."

Actually, if one thinks about it, the Honor Code should be the standard of ethical behavior not just for PMA cadets but for all Filipino professionals.

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Later this week, unless there is a dramatic change in plans, we shall once again witness the assumption of a new chief of staff of the Armed Forces. Gen. Efren Abu reaches his 56th birthday on Friday, June 24 and bows out of the service after eight months in office.

The leading contenders for the post are the major service commanders—flag officer in command of the Philippine Navy, Vice Adm. Ernesto De Leon; commanding general of the Philippine Army, Lt. Gen. Generoso Senga; and the commanding general, Philippine Air Force, Lt. Gen. Jose Reyes. While De Leon and Senga belong to the same class at the PMA, the Class of 1972 (also Abu's batch), Joe Reyes is one class behind (1973). De Leon has the seniority in terms of time in grade, but Senga commands the largest force in the AFP.

De Leon made a name for himself as the commander of the group which tracked down Abu Sabaya and his henchmen after the rescue of Gracia Burnham in June 2002. On the other hand, Senga, as head of the 6th Infantry Division in 2003, led the campaign against the MILF in the Buliok complex in Pikit, Cotabato resulting in the capture of the MILF command, control and communication center.

**The incoming chief of staff will be the seventh since the assumption to office some four years ago of President Macapagal-Arroyo. As I mentioned in an earlier column, the Senate recently passed legislation prescribing a three-year term of office for the AFP chief of staff. In the House, a similar bill has already cleared the committee on national defense chaired by Rep. Roilo Golez. It now awaits plenary action, but apparently the legislation is suffering from a case of benign neglect. I have been told that the Palace prefers the present arrangement over that one where a chief of staff has a three-year term of office. What a pity for the AFP!**

# Poetry for 'papas'

**AT LARGE**

*Rina Jimenez-David*

SOMEONE once wrote that your relationship with your father is your first relationship of choice. Babies have no choice but to bond with their mothers, from whence they came and who are their primary sources of food, nurturing and identity. But they do have a choice whether to bond with their fathers or not. A father is one's first friend, the first human being you connect to because you want to, and not because your life depends on it.

I imagine that the first time a child smiles at her father, she is establishing her first relationship out of her own volition, because this human being is someone she likes having around, because he makes faces at her, croons at her in the morning, picks her up when she cries, and rocks her to sleep (if she and her mother would be so lucky!).

We all love our mothers without question—save for a few, soap opera exceptions—but fathers are rather iffy. Ask adults, especially men, if they love their fathers and the replies will bear many, grudging caveats. They respect him, they might say, fear him even. They hardly know him, might be a more common, thoughtful answer. Busy with work, preoccupied by extra-curriculars, and sadly brainwashed into believing that nurturing is work fit only for women, many fathers remain strangers to their children. Arrogating unto themselves the roles of breadwinner and disciplinarian, they become distant, distracted and feared figures to their young children, an object of threat even, as in "just wait till your father gets home!"

I remember running an article once in "Parents" magazine, on how young fathers would "father" differently, and being rather taken aback at the uniformity of replies: that they would father their children differently from the way their father raised them. Almost to a man, the young fathers said they would be more open, more accessible, less afraid to show their feelings, less ashamed to assume "mothering" duties.

I felt both sorry for these men who grew up haunted by the distance between them and their fathers, and at the same time happy for their children who would—if their fathers lived up to their resolutions—enjoy a stronger emotional connection with their male parent and nurse far richer memories of them.

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**IN CELEBRATION of Father's Day, the UP Press has released "Honoring Fathers: An International Poetry Anthology," edited by Gemino H. Abad and Alfred A. Yuson, both mean poets themselves.**

**The slim volume is a follow-up to "Father Poems," a collection of poetry by Filipinos writing in English, likewise edited by Abad and Yuson. This time, the duo gathers the works of 48 poets "representing a score of nationalities, based in over a dozen countries," including Filipinos based abroad. If you're still searching for a great Father's Day gift, this book would not be a bad choice at all.**

**I reprint a sample from the anthology below. My choice is based not only on accessibility to a wide audience, but also because it speaks precisely of the kind of relationship I hope every son, every child, could enjoy with his father. Written by Ramon "Rayvi" Sunico, it is in honor of Augusto Sunico, described by his son as having been blessed with "business acumen, analytical talent and irresistible gregariousness." It's safe to say those qualities shine through in the following poem. Happy Father's Day, guys!**

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Why This Isn't a Haiku

*My pa taught me/p----- ina/and wow/the suddenness/of joy, the stun/of beauty:*

*how life is taken best/when taken by surprise.*

*He taught me/the jangle of keys at night/meant he was home/the brown bag in his hand/plump with the promise/of dumplings or sweetbreads*

*that a week of work meant/Saturdays tasted sweeter/and Sundays blazed brighter*

*He taught me/the three meanings of shuffle/two good/one sad:*

*the riffled peacock tails/of playing cards/those snappy rainbows/of aces and jacks;/the effortless astronomy/of boogeying with mama/as she twirled and spun/and whirled and hummed/around the steady axis/of his smile, her feet/approximating the twinkle/of stars, his own gliding/sliding in that inch by inch/unruffled shuffle to/syncopated time.*

*Oh my papa taught me:/he taught me comics/he taught me words.*

*Areglado? he would always ask/Areglado! I would reply.*

*And as time passed/he taught me/how to wade/through boilerplates and contracts/how the intricate constructions/of syntax and phrase/restrain the larceny of men/in ways no poems can.*

*How he loves life my father;/oh how he loves the game.*

*And that man over there/stooped and shuffling/so gingerly, so carefully/so daunted by the treachery/of cracks in the floor/of unexpected steps,/shuffling more carefully/than he ever shuffled cards/shuffling in the grip/of gravity and time*

*that's the man who taught me/the slow sad shuffle/of loving someone for life.*

# Interpreting conversations

**PUBLIC LIVES**

*Randy David*

PEOPLE have wondered why the public is not reacting with outrage to the scandal of the "Garci tapes." Is there "people power fatigue"? Maybe. But, how many people have listened to these tapes? How many have tried to understand them? And why should we expect the simple recognition of the voice of the President in an intercepted conversation to instantly spark moral indignation?

I've spent many hours listening to these tapes. They are the recorded phone calls of a man who sounds like Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano of the Commission on Elections. In some of these, he is speaking to someone who sounds and talks very much like President Macapagal-Arroyo. Most people have focused on the identity of the voices, or on the source of the tapes. My interest has been to establish what they are about. This is not as easy as it may seem.

All of us participate in conversations without realizing how much work they entail. In one breath, we pack a whole series of meanings into the words we utter, and in the next, we unpack another set from the words others say to us. Throughout, we are also observing shifts in the complexion of a conversation as marked by changes in tone. We are, as human beings, capable of coding and decoding complex messages in real time, faster than any existing computer can possibly manage.

We sometimes realize what an intricate process this is, and what fascinating structures conversations are, when we overhear two people talking. We strain our ears not only to catch the words but also to decipher their meanings. We may hear clearly, but not understand. Understanding means not just recognizing the words, but making sense of them. We are able to do this with the help of our background knowledge of people, things, places and events. The more remote we are from the world assumed in the conversations of people, the harder it is for us to understand their talk.

We can listen to conversations at the literal level, or at the interpretative level. A literal reading stays on the surface of words. An interpretative reading explores and fills in the spaces between, below, and above the lines formed by words. An overheard conversation may sometimes cause offense. That is why we take the trouble to explain what we "really" meant. This may be as simple as saying: "Sorry, it's not you we were talking about," or "Sorry, it's not what you think." Those who want to save the President are urging her to say something like the latter.

These conversations sound harmless on the surface, but when one reads between the lines, they take on the character of conspiratorial events. One of the longer ones of these conversations proceeds as follows:

Garci: Hello Ma'am, good evening.

Ma'am: Hello.... Dun daw sa Lanao del Sur at saka sa Basilan, di raw nagma-match ang SOV sa COC.

Garci: Kwan ho yan. Ang sinasabi nila... nawawala na naman ho?

Ma'am: Hindi nagma-match.

Garci: Hindi nagma-match? May posibilidad na hindi magma-match kung hindi nila sinunod yung individual SOV ng mga mga munisipyo. Pero ayawan ko lang ho kung sa atin pabor o hindi. Kasi, dun naman sa Basilan at saka Lanao Sur, itong ginawa nila na pagpataas sa inyo. Hindi naman ho, kwan... maayos naman ang paggawa eh.

Ma'am: So nagma-match.

Garci: Oho. Sa Basilan naman, habol na naman ang mga military dun eh. Hindi masyadong marunong sila gumawa eh. Katulad ho dun sa Sulu, sa Habakon. Pero, hindi naman ho. Kinausap ko kanina ho yung Chairman ng Board sa Sulu. Ang akin pa, patataguin ko lang muna yung EO ng Panguntaran, na para hindi siya maka-testigo ho. Na-explain na ho yung kwan, sa Camarines Norte. Tomorrow we will present official communication dun ho sa Senate. Doon sa sinasabing wala hong laman yung ballot box. Na-receive ho nila lahat eh.

Ma'am: Oo.

Garci: Tumawag ho kayo kanina Ma'am?

Ma'am: Yah. About that Lanao del Sur at saka Basilan.

Garci: Ia-ano ko lang ho. Nag-usap na kami ni Abdulah dun sa kwan kanina. About this, i-aano ko ho. Na, wag ho kayong masyadong mabahala. Anyway, we will take care of all this. Kakausapin ko rin si Atty. Ma...kwan, si Atty. Macalintal.

Ma'am: Oo, tapos non, si uhm, sa Languyan, meron daw silang teacher na nasa witness protection program ng kabila.

Garci: Sino ho?

Ma'am: Yung kabila, may teacher daw silang hawak.

Garci: Wala naman ho. Baka nananakot lang ho sila. Kasi...

Ma'am: Sa Languyan, sa Tawi-Tawi.

Garci: Ano ho, yung sa Tawi-Tawi? Wala ho naman ho tayong kwan, wala naman tayong ginawa don, sa Languyan. Talo nga tayo don, talo nga si Nur dun eh.

Ma'am: Oo, oo.

Garci: Sige, aanuhin ko ho lahat ng mga yan.

Ma'am: Oo, oo. Sige. Thank you.

Ma'am is worried over the lack of fit between canvass results at the municipal level (SOVs) and results at the provincial level (COCs). Is she fretting about this in the manner of a boss concerned about ensuring the honesty and accuracy of election results? Or is she calling as an anxious candidate worried that the fixing of results done for her by her principal operator, a high official of the Comelec, is being carried out in a crude way? When Garci, the Comelec operator, assures her that the "pagpataas" (upward adjustment) done for her in Basilan and Lanao del Sur was accomplished in a "maayos" (orderly) way, could they have been referring to anything other than number of votes?

The meaning of words lies in their use, the philosopher Wittgenstein once said. To that we may add: Words do not lie. People do.

# Wiretapping law: how is it violated?

**COMMENTARY**

*Fr. Ranhilio C. Aquino*

REPUBLIC Act 4200 is now on everyone's lips—just as "Hello, Garci!" has become everyone's ring-tone! What is the law?

It is a penal statute that defines violations of the privacy of communications as a crime and prescribes the penalty for such violations. The prohibited acts are:

1. Tapping any wire or cable;
2. Secretly overhearing, intercepting, recording a conversation;
3. Possessing any recording made in violation of the law;
4. Replaying the recording for any other person;
5. Communicating the contents of the recording, verbally or in writing.

The applicability of the penal provision rests on two premises: first, that the communication is private; second, that the recording or tapping is not authorized by all the parties. Statements made in the presence of a group of people are not private statements. Recording them will not violate the law.

It is important to note that the law excepts the use of the recordings in civil and criminal proceedings in pursuant to the provisions of RA 4200. The so-called parliamentary immunity of congressmen is not immunity from crime, and so playing the recording or furnishing transcripts thereof for congressional investigations will be a violation of law. Congressional investigations, being neither civil nor criminal, do not provide blanket immunity and entitlement to transgress laws. In fact, Section 4 says that nothing in an illegal recording shall be admissible in evidence before any judicial, quasi-judicial, legislative or administrative hearing or investigation. That a transcription is cited in a privileged speech does not render the transmission to the public of the prohibited content any less criminal.

Suppose the recording is made by a person privy to the conversation? Ramirez v. Court of Appeals, GR 93833 (Sept. 28, 1995) addressed this issue. In that case, there were two parties to the exchange, and the scurrilous remarks were directed at the accused, who secretly recorded the exchange. She argued in her defense that she could not be charged under RA 4200 as she was privy to the conversation, but the Supreme Court rejected that interpretation of the law. To be legal, the recording must be made with the consent of all parties to the communication or the conversation (a distinction the Court itself refused to entertain), and it matters not whether the accused was privy to the conversation.

Equally important is the Court's characterizing the subject of the conversation as "immaterial." Whether the subject of the dialogue or exchange is truly private, or involves matters that are in no way secret, is immaterial and need not in fact be alleged.

Navarro v. Court of Appeals, GR 121087 (Aug. 26, 1999) is troubling because of what it does not spell out. It seems, however, that a heated exchange between two persons (one of whom eventually died) in the presence of a third was recorded secretly by the latter. While the Court asked about the admissibility of the evidence in relation to the prohibition of RA 4200, it found that the communication was not private in nature, and therefore even if secretly recorded, was admissible in evidence. Section 1 of the law, in referring to the authorization needed "by all parties" seems to contemplate situations where a private conversation or communication may involve more than two persons. So the question can be reasonably asked: When does conversation cease to be private? This is a matter for the trial court—appreciating the manifest intention of the parties, their awareness of the presence of listeners or spectators, their expectations of privacy, and attendant circumstances—to determine. When an exchange between two persons takes place before a third who is a mere listener and not a participant in the dialogue, then it is reasonable to conclude that the communication or conversation was not private in character. In Mamba v. Garcia, the issue about A.M.-MTJ-96-1110 (June 25, 2001) a tape-recorded conversation between three parties (one of whom was a "planted" law-enforcement agent) held in the chamber of a judge was raised. The tape, which tended to suggest that the judge condoned an illegal settlement of a criminal case, was held inadmissible by the Supreme Court in an administrative case filed against the judge, for having been recorded in violation of RA 4200.

What is clear, therefore, is that whoever may have recorded the conversation between two or more people without the permission of all, even if he is privy to the conversation, is criminally liable under RA 4200, unless the conversation can reasonably be characterized as "non-private." This characterization will depend on the audience to which the message was addressed (Could anyone listen in?), the intention of the parties to the exchange, their expectations of privacy and the attendant circumstances.

It is likewise clear that whosoever is in possession of illegal recordings, or transcribes them and makes available the transcription to the public, or replays the prohibited recording for any other person is likewise indictable, unless these acts are pursuant to civil or criminal action under RA 4200.

It might be useful to be clear about these fundamentals.

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## THEY SAID

### Thriving on cheating

"The element of cheating must be present. *Jueteng* thrives on cheating its bettors. It has no transparency, unlike the lotto draws, which are televised and seen nationwide."

*—Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office director Manuel "Manoling" Morato, on the issue that lotto is losing out to jueteng*

### Ignorant talents

"It's not about the entertainers not wanting to pay up. It's mostly ignorance of procedure and of BIR regulations."

*—ABS-CBN executive vice president Charo Santos-Concio, in defense of the network's talents being charged with tax evasion*

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# 'Hello Garci'

WE are running the transcripts of two compact discs containing the supposed taped conversations between President Macapagal-Arroyo and Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano that Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye played to reporters on June 6.

Opposition politicians claim that the audio is evidence that Ms Arroyo cheated in last year's presidential election. The audio shows a woman who sounds like Ms Arroyo asking a man, said to be Garcillano, to rig the 2004 election by producing a one-million margin over her nearest rival.

Bunye said on June 8 that it was Ms Arroyo's voice on the tapes. Garcillano denied his was the other voice, but two former heads of the Commission on Elections—Christian Monsod and Harriet Demetriou—claimed that the man's voice was Garcillano's.

Ms Arroyo has kept mum on the tapes amid calls that she step down.

Talk of the Town arranged the conversations in chronological order and excluded the exchange between Garcillano and a man whose voice sounded like Jose Miguel Arroyo's.

The transcript of the conversations alleged by Malacañang to be the altered recording is called here Tape 1. Tape 2 is the transcript of the conversations alleged by the Palace to be the original recording. The conversations were transcribed by INQ7.

Some claim, including an electronics engineer, who examined the tapes, that the "altered" version contains the authentic conversations between Ms Arroyo and Garcillano, and that the "original" is the bogus one.

The audio files of the two CDs can be accessed at www.inq7.net/tape.

The Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism has posted on http://pcij.org/blog the transcript of the full three-hour recording of the conversations between Garcillano and various individuals such as Ms Arroyo, her husband Jose Miguel and senatorial candidate Robert Barbers. The transcript is also available at http://philippineupdate.com/complete-trancript.pdf.

## TAPE 1 ("Altered" version)

### 26 1104H May 2004

**Woman: Hello.**
Man: Hello ma'am, good morning.
**Woman: Si ano, si Biazon, nagbabanta kung madadaya daw siya papabuksan daw niya yung ano, [garbled], tsaka sa Tawi-Tawi, baka raw ako madale doon, so baka nga.**

### 26 1125H May 2004

Man: Hello, ma'am.
**Woman: Hello, hello.**
Man: Hello, ma'am.
**Woman: Hindi kaya pwedeng ma-delay yung senatorial canvassing until after the voting on the rules tonight?**
Man: On the rules, o sige po, mag-uusap kami ni Colonel...
**Woman: Kasi mabubungkal sa Senate eh, parang walang, kung iron case [garbled] magiging two allies ito di syempre di magta-tally for sure.**

### 27 0729H May 2004

Man: Hello, ma'am.
**Woman: Hello, meron tayong schedule [garbled] push PRs para sa Sulu.**
Man: San nandoon ma'am?
**Woman: Sulu, Sulu.**
Man: Oo ma'am, meron.
**Woman: Magko-correspond?**
Man: Oho ma'am, lahat po meron. Kumpleto.
**Woman: OK, sige. OK, OK.**
Man: OK, sige ma'am, sige po.

### 28 2213H May 2004

Man: Hello.
**Woman: Hello.**
Man: Hello, good evening ma'am, good evening.
**Woman: The FPJ camp raw will file a case against the board of canvassers doon sa Marawi?**
Man: Ma'am, ano ma'am?
**Woman: The FPJ camp raw will file case against the board of canvassers and military in Marawi?**
Man: Hindi naman ho siguro nila maano ang ating board of canvassers pero ang military kasi si Gudani sa kanila si Gudani. I do not know if they will file. Sa kanila si Gudani ma'am. That is why I had to work with General Esperon and General Kiamko na at that time, pinalitan namin si Gudani for a while kaya kwan, pero bakit nila finile-lan yang mga military na sa kanila lahat na halos ayaw na ngang mag give way sa aming mga tao.
**Woman: Oo, oo.**

### 29 0943H May 2004

**Woman: Hello.**
Man: Hello, ma'am, good morning uli.
**Woman: Oo, oo.**
Man: OK man, sa Quick Count namin mas mataas ho siya pero mag-compensate ho sa Lanao 'yon.
**Woman: So will I still lead more than 1M?**
Man: More or less it's that advantage ma'am, parang ganun din ang lalabas.
**Woman: It could not be less than 1M?**
Man: Oho. Pipilitin ho natin yan. Pero as of the other day it's 982.
**Woman: Kaya nga eh.**
Man: Then if we can get more in Lanao.
**Woman: Hindi pa ba tapos?**
Man: Hindi pa ho, meron pang darating na seven municipalities.
**Woman: Ah. OK. Oo.**
Man: Sige po.
**Woman: OK, OK.**

### 29 0947H May 2004

Man: Hello, ma'am.
**Woman: Hello, forty plus daw ang talo ko dun sa kuwan sa Cotabato?**
Man: Ma'am?
**Woman: More than forty?**
Man: Siguro less, pero hindi siguro sosobra' ng forty ma'am. Natapos na kami ni Attorney Bedol.
**Woman: A, ganun, so mali yung figures ni Teng?**
Man: Siguro kasi si Teng kinausap niya yung staff ni Attorney Bedol. Kami ni Attorney Bedol nagusap ho ngayon. But I will give the exact figure ma'am in a little while.
**Woman: Oo, oo.**
Man: Para malaman ho ninyo.
**Woman: Pero we [ends abruptly].**

### 31 2317H May 2004

Man: Hello ma'am.
**Woman: Hello. Tsaka 'yung sa kabila they are trying to get Namfrel copy of the municipal COCs.**
Man: Namfrel copies ho?
**Woman: Oo.**
Man: Ay wala naman, OK naman ang Namfrel sa atin. They are now sympathetic to us.
**Woman: Oo, oo pero it doesn't ... [garbled] Pero yun nga they are trying to get that.**
Man: Oho, we will get an advance copy ho natin kung ano ang kwan nila.
**Woman: Uh-huh.**
Man: Sige ho.

### 01 2143H June 2004

Man: Hello, ma'am.
**Woman: Hello.**
Man: Good evening ma'am.
**Woman: When they opened the ballot box of Camarines Norte, it was empty.**
Man: This afternoon, ma'am?
**Woman: Oo.**
Man: Camarines Norte?
**Woman: Oo.**
Man: I'll call the supervisor tonight or tomorrow, ma'am.
**Woman: Oo, si Cariño?**
Man: Lisa Cariño.
**Woman: It was empty.**
Man: She's not going to do that because this guy is a straight type.
**Woman: It was empty.**
Man: I will call her up, ma'am.
**Woman: OK.**

### 02 2229H June 2004

Man: Hello ma'am. Good evening.
**Woman: Hello. Doon ba sa Lanao del Sur 'tsaka sa Basilan yun lang bang match dun sa SOV sa COC?**
Man: Kuwan ho yan, ang sinasabi nila wala naman ho?
**Woman: Hindi nagma-match.**
Man: Hindi nagma-match? May posibilidad na di nagma-match kung hindi nila sinunod yung individual SOV ng mga munisipyo. Pero ewan ko lang ho kung sa atin pabor o hindi kasi dun naman sa Basilan tsaka Lanao Sur, itong ginagawa nila na pagpataas sa inyo hindi naman ho kwan. Maayos naman ang paggawa eh.
**Woman: So nagma-match?**
Man: Oho. Sa Basilan ay iyon ay pahabol na naman ng mga military dun. Hindi masyado marunong kasi silang gumawa eh. Katulad sa Sulu, Habaton, pero hindi naman ho. Kinausap ko kanina yung chairman ng board ng Sulu. Ang akin eh patataguin ko na muna yung EO ng Pagundaran para hindi siya makatestigo. Nai-print na ho yung kuwan Camarines Norte. Tomorrow, we will present official communication doon ho sa Senate. Doon sinasabing wala hong laman yung ballot box.
**Woman: Oo.**
Man: Na-receive ho nila lahat eh.
**Woman: Oo.**
Man: Tumawag ho kayo kanina, ma'am?
**Woman: Ya, about that Lanao del Sur at Basilan.**
Man: Oho. Nagkausap nga ho kami ni Abdullah doon sa kuwan kanina about this. Iaano ko ho. 'Wag ho kayo masyado mabahala. Anyway, we will take care of this. Kakausapin ko rin si Attorney Makalintal.
**Woman: Oo, tapos noon si ano. Tapos non si Calanguyan meron daw silang teacher na nasa Witness Protection Program ng kabila.**
Man: Sino ho?
**Woman: Iyong kabila, may teacher daw silang hawak.**
Man: Wala naman ho, baka nananakot lang ho sila, kasi yung kwan.
**Woman: Calanguyan, Tawi-Tawi.**
Man: Calanguyan sa Tawi-Tawi, wala naman hong kwan tayo dun. Wala tayong ginawa dun sa Calanguyan. Talo nga tayo dun, talo nga si Nur doon eh.
**Woman: Oo.**
Man: Sige, nanuhin ko ho.
**Woman: OK, sige, sige. Thank you. Thank you.**
Man: Sige po.

### 06 1900H June 2004

**Woman: Hello.**
Man: Hello ma'am, good evening. Tumawag po kayo?
**Woman: Oo. Sabi ni Teng dapat sigurado natin consistent yung mga documents wag yung [garbled].**
Man: Yung kuwan, hindi naman ho masyadong problema sa Maguindanao. Pero ano ho yung tinext niyo kagabi na may fake [garbled] na ako raw ang mastermind.
**Woman: Oo, oo.**
Man: Pero pano. San ho ba naman, ang hindi ko maintindihan. What is that they are trying to drive at with 120 days [garbled] establish ng [garbled] precincts.
**Woman: OK, OK, siguro ano, baka more shot in the dark lang 'yon. But I will just you know everything I'll found out, para we can always make the appropriate remedies.**
Man: Si General Lomibao nasa Zamboanga na. I had all the people around us talk to him so that they will be able to prevent [garbled] happened.
**Woman: OK, OK, OK. Sige, OK, thank you.**

### 07 1610H June 2004

Man: Hello.
**Woman: Hello.**
Man: Yes, ma'am.
**Woman: Did you get my text about the Tipo-Tipo?**
Man: Oho, oho ma'am. Kuwan that is what I am being fearful about [garbled] Hali 'yon. That is why we are asking people to look for her so that we can confront her.
**Woman: She's probably being held by them.**
Man: Ma'am?
**Woman: She's probably being held by them already.**
Man: She is here, that is why if it is possible we will have her family call her up from Zamboanga.
**Woman: OK, OK.**
Man: Sige po ma'am.

### 07 1917H June 2004

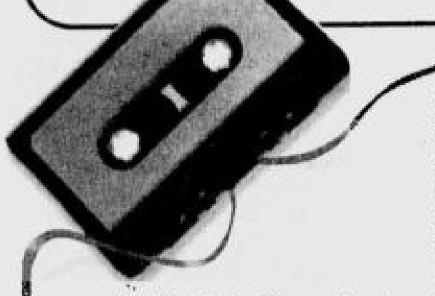
**Woman: Hello.**
Man: Yes, ma'am.
**Woman: Ano nahanap na ninyo?**
Man: Ma'am?
**Woman: Ano nahanap na ninyo yung sa Tipo-Tipo?**
Man: Ang Tipo-Tipo ho hindi pa. Ang nandito lang ho itong mga inaano nila ngayon kaya nga [ends abruptly].

### 08 1751H June 2004

Man: Hello.
**Woman: Hello Garci.**
Man: Hello, ma'am.
**Woman: Ano gawin natin dun sa Namfrel press con kanina. Yung Namfrel Lanao del Sur?**
Man: Inaano ko. Meron na ho akong kopya ng ifinax ni Nonong. Yung kay Dalidig. Pero that is not true because I have already [garbled] my staff whom I assigned Lanao Sur. Pagkatapos ho si Rey Lomibao, the supervisor, is coming and then we will also try to make them say something after this. Pasasalitain ko sila ho without me letting people know that I am the one who will [garbled] ganoon lang ho ang kwanin natin.
**Woman: OK, OK.**
Man: Sige ho ma'am, OK po.

### 10 1340H June 2004

Man: Hello.
**Woman: Hello Garci.**
Man: Ma'am, good afternoon.
**Woman: Ano, kinausap na kayo ni Abalos?**
Man: Oo, ma'am. Mamasyal na lang muna daw ho ako sa Mindanao kuwan lang. Kaya nga ho kung ano man ho ang mga problema natin tawagan lang ho ninyo ako.
**Woman: May problema sa Southwood East pero local, kasi iba-iba raw ang iprinoclaim ng Comelec doon.**
Man: Sino ba atin doon?
**Woman: Ay naku ang importante na hindi madamay yung sa itaas.**
Man: Ay hindi ho. Ako ang may hawak noon.
**Woman: Kasi ang issue doon sabi ng [garbled] dadalhin daw yung sa kanila yung recount. Pero sabi naman ni Echiverri dapat doon na lang daw sa munisipyo.**
Man: Doon na lang ho. OK na ho 'yon. Ako ho may hawak niyan.
**Woman: O sige. So hindi maapektuhan yung sa taas ha?**
Man: Hindi ho. Hindi ho.
**Woman: Kasi ang sabi nila if kung maging exclusive baka, kasi si Fernando Poe gumagapang na naman daw doon e.**
Man: Ay hindi ho, nasa akin ho yan.
**Woman: OK, sige.**
Man: Sige po.



## TAPE 2 ("Original" version)

### 26 1104H May 2004

**Woman: Hello.**
Man: Hello ma'am, good morning.
**Woman: Oo, oo. Si ano, si Biazon nagbabanta kung madadaya daw siya papabuksan daw nya yung ano [garbled] tsaka Tawi-Tawi baka raw ako madale doon. So...**
Man: E baka nga ho.

### 26 1125H May 2004

Man: Hello ma'am.
**Woman: Hello, hello.**
Man: Hello ma'am.
**Woman: Hindi kaya pwedeng ma-delay yung senatorial canvassing until after the voting on the rules tonight?**
Man: On the rules, o sige po mag-uusap po kami ni Attorney.
**Woman: Kasi mabubungkal sa Senate e para walang ... magiging between two allies ito. Siyempre magagalit ang dalawa. Di siya magta-tally for sure.**

### 27 0729H May 2004

Man: Hello ma'am.
**Woman: Hello, meron tayong schedule [garbled] push PR para sa Sulu.**
Man: ... Ma'am sa Santandon.
**Woman: Sulu, Sulu?**
Man: Oo ma'am, meron.
**Woman: Nagko-correspond?**
Man: Oho ma'am. Lahat po meron.
**Woman: Kumpleto. OK sige, OK, OK.**
Man: OK. Sige ma'am, sige po.

### 28 2213H May 2004

Man: Hello.
**Woman: Hello.**
Man: Hello good evening, ma'am. Good evening.
**Woman: The FPJ camp daw will file a case against the Board of Canvassers doon sa Marawi and the military?**
Man: Ma'am, ano ma'am?
**Woman: The FPJ camp raw will, ano, will file a case raw against the Board of Canvassers and military in Marawi?**
Man: Hindi naman ho siguro nila maaano ang ating Board of Canvassers. Pero ang military kasi si Gudani, sa kanila si Gudani, ma'am eh. I do not know if they will file. Sa kanila si Gudani. That is why I had to work with General Esperon and General Kyamko na at that time pinalitan namin si Gudani for a while kaya ... bakit nila i-fa-filan sa kanila? Halos ayaw na ngang magpa ... sa aming mga tao.
**Woman: Oo, oo.**

### 29 0943H May 2004

**Woman: Hello.**
Man: Hello ma'am, good morning ulit.
**Woman: Oo, oo.**
Man: OK ma'am sa Quick Count namin mas mataas ho siya, pero mag-compensate ho sa Lanao 'yun.
**Woman: So will I still lead by more than 1M?**
Man: More or less ... to that advantage ma'am. Parang ganun din ang lalabas.
Woman: It could not be less than 1M?
Man: Oho. Total na namin yan, pero as of the other day it's 982.
**Woman: Kaya nga, eh.**
Man: Kung maganda ang result ng Lanao.
**Woman: Hindi pa ba tapos?**
Man: Hindi pa ho. Meron pang ika-canvass na seven municipalities.
**Woman: Ah OK, OK.**
Man: Sige po.
**Woman: OK, OK.**

### 29 0947H May 2004

Man: Hello ma'am.
**Woman: Hello, forty plus daw ang talo ko dun sa kwan sa Cotabato?**
Man: Ma'am.
**Woman: More than forty?**
Man: Siguro less than pero hindi siguro sosobra ng forty ma'am. Patapos na canvassing ni Attorney Bedol.
**Woman: A ganun, so mali yung figures ni Teng?**
Man: Siguro kasi si Teng kinausap niya yung staff ni Attorney Bedol. Kami ni Attorney Bedol nag-usap ho ngayon, but I will give the exact figures ma'am in a little while.
**Woman: Oo, oo.**
Man: Para malaman ho ninyo.
**Woman: Pero we [ends abruptly].**

### 31 2317H May 2004

Man: Hello ma'am.
**Woman: Hello saka 'yung sa kabila they are trying to get their Namfrel copy of municipal COCs.**
Man: Namfrel copies ho?
**Woman: Oo.**
Man: Ay wala naman. OK naman ang Namfrel sa atin. They are now sympathetic to us.
**Woman: Oo pero it doesn't make sure [garbled] pero yun nga they are trying to get that.**
Man: Oho, we will get an advance copy ho natin kung ano ho ang kuwan nila. Sige ho.

### On or about 01 2143H June 2004

Man: Hello, ma'am.
**Woman: Hello.**
Man: Good evening, ma'am.
**Woman: When they opened the ballot box of Camarines Norte it was empty.**
Man: This afternoon, ma'am?
**Woman: Uh-huh.**
Man: Camarines Norte?
**Woman: Uh-uh.**
Man: I'll call up the supervisor tonight or tomorrow, ma'am. Tanong ko kung bakit.
**Woman: Si Cariño?**
Man: Lisa Cariño. Lisa Narino ... She's not going to do that because this guy is a straight guy.
**Woman: It was empty.**
Man: I will call her up, ma'am.
**Woman: OK.**

### 02 2229H June 2004

Man: Hello ma'am. Good evening.
**Woman: Hello. Dun ba sa Lanao del Sur tsaka sa Basilan 'di raw nagma-match yung SOV sa COC.**
Man: [inaudible].
**Woman: Di nagma-match.**
Man: Di nagma-match? Baka honest mistake lang ho dahil sa pagod at puyat ng canvassers. Pero nire-review naman nila e at pag may mali kinokorek nila. Pero kung minsan nagkakamali sa pagbasa ng municipal COC pag di malinaw. Nagbabantay naman ho yung mga watchers natin.
**Woman: Hindi nagma-match.**
Man: Dapat mag-match talaga kasi yung COC galing lang sa total ng SOV pino-post lang ng canvassers. Meron naman ho tayong watchers na nagbabantay ng canvassing sa Lanao del Sur at Basilan. Yung, kuwan, Camarines Norte transmit naman daw yung COC sa Senate.
**Woman: Oo.**
Man: Na-receive na ho nila lahat e.
**Woman: Oo.**
Man: Tumawag ho kayo kanina ma'am?
**Woman: Yah, about that Lanao del Sur at Basilan.**
Man: Oho, nagkausap ho kami ni Abdullah dun sa kuwan kanina about this. Inaano ko ho huwag ho kayo masyadong mabahala. Anyway, we will take care of this. Kakausapin ko rin si Attorney Makalintal.
**Woman: Oo, tapos nun si ano tapos nun si, Calanguyan meron daw silang teacher na nasa Witness Protection Program ng kabila.**
Man: Sino ho?
**Woman: 'Yung kabila may teacher daw silang hawak.**
Man: Wala naman ho. Baka nananakot lang ho sila kasi yung kuwan, yung Calanguyan, Tawi-Tawi.
**Woman: Calanguyan, Tawi-Tawi.**
Man: Calanguyan, Tawi-Tawi. Wala naman hong watchers tayo dun eh. Wala tayong bantay, doon, sa Calanguyan. Talo nga tayo dun eh. Talo nga si Nur dun, eh.
**Woman: Oo.**
Man: Sige ho. Tsine-tsek ko ho.

### 06 1900H June 2004

**Woman: Hello.**
Man: Hello, ma'am good evening, tumawag po kayo?
**Woman: Oo, sabi ni Teng dapat sigurado natin consistent yung mga documents sa Maguindanao.**
Man: Yung kwan hindi naman ho masyadong problema yung sa Maguindanao. Pero ano ho yung tinext nyo kagabi na merong reports na ako daw ang source?
**Woman: Oo. Oo.**
Man: Pero pano? San ho ba naman ang hindi ko maintindihan? What is that they are trying to drive at with 120 days [garbled]. Establish ng [garbled] precincts.
**Woman: OK, OK baka siguro more shot in the dark lang 'yon, but I'm just letting you know everything I found out para we can always make the appropriate remedies.**
Man: Oo, ma'am. Si General Lomibao nasa Zamboanga na I had all the people around us talk to him so that they will be able to prevent what happened.
**Woman: OK, OK, sige OK.**

### 07 1610H June 2004

Man: Hello.
**Woman: Hello.**
Man: Yes, ma'am.
**Woman: Did you get my text about the Tipo-Tipo?**
Man: Oho, oho ma'am kwan. That is what I am being fearful about [garbled] ah yon that is why we are asking people to look for her so that we can, you know, confront her.
**Woman: She's probably being held by them.**
Man: Ma'am?
**Woman: She's probably being held by them already.**
Man: She is here. That is why if it is possible we will have her family call her up from Zamboanga.
**Woman: OK. OK.**
Man: Sige po, ma'am.

### 07 1917H June 2004

**Woman: Hello.**
Man: Yes, ma'am.
**Woman: Ano nahanap na ninyo?**
Man: Ma'am?
**Woman: Nahanap ninyo yung sa Tipo-Tipo?**
Man: Ang Tipo-Tipo ho hindi pa. Ang nandito lang ho itong mga inaano nila ngayon kaya nga [ends abruptly].

### 08 1751H June 2004

**Woman: Hello.**
Man: Hello ma'am.
**Woman: Ano ang gagawin natin doon sa Namfrel press con kanina? Yung Namfrel Lanao del Sur?**
Man: Inaano ko. Meron na ho akong kopya ng finax ni Nonong yung kay Dalidig, pero that is not true because I have already asked my staff whom I assigned sa Lanao Sur. Pagkatapos ho si Rey Lomipao, the supervisor, is coming and then we will also try to make them say something after this. Pagsasalitain ko sila without fear, letting people know that I am monitoring.
**Woman: OK.**
Man: So ganoon na lang ang hintayin natin?
**Woman: OK.**
Man: Sige ho ma'am. OK po.

### 10 1340H June 2004

Man: Hello.
**Woman: Hello.**
Man: Ma'am, good afternoon.
**Woman: Ano kinausap na kayo ni Abalos?**
Man: Oo, ma'am. Papasyal lang muna daw ho sya sa Mindanao. Kuwan lang. Kaya nga ho kung ano man ho ang mga problema natin tawagan lang ho ninyo ako.
**Woman: May problema sa Southwood East pero local kasi iba-iba raw ang iprinoclaim ng Comelec doon.**
Man: Sino ba atin doon?
**Woman: Ay naku, ang importante na hindi madamay yung sa itaas.**
Man: Ay, hindi ho kasi may mga watchers doon, eh.
**Woman: Kasi ang issue doon sabi ng [garbled] pero sabi naman ni [garbled] dapat doon na lang sa munisipyo.**
Man: Eh doon na lang ho. OK na ho 'yun. Ako ho ang may mga watchers doon, eh.
**Woman: So hindi maapektuhan sa taas ha?**
Man: Hindi ho. Hindi ho.
**Woman: Kasi ang sabi nila [garbled] si Fernando Poe lumalaban na naman daw doon e.**
Man: Ay hindi ho nasa akin ho yan.
**Woman: OK, sige.**
Man: Sige ho.

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# GMA told to do a Clinton in probe

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**CEBU CITY—Bohol Gov. Erico Aumentado, who heads the league of governors, yesterday suggested that President Macapagal-Arroyo follow what then US President Bill Clinton did if she wanted to give a statement on the wiretapping scandal.**

**MS ARROYO waves as she arrives at the Dinagat Island San Jose Cultural Center, Barangay Poblacion, San Jose, Surigao del Norte for the awarding of land titles.**
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Aumentado, an ally of the President, said Ms Arroyo can still give her statements on the issue without necessary appearing before the joint committees in Congress that would conduct the investigation.

Aumentado recalled that when Clinton was being investigated by the US Congress because of her affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky, the former US President did not show up in Congress but he gave a statement through video.

"I think the President, if properly requested—not invited—by Congress, could do what President Clinton did. He made a statement by video and the videotape was shown to the committee of the US congress investigating the Lewinsky affair," Aumentado said.

Aumentado emphasized the word "properly requested" because according to him, there is that so-called inter-department courtesy, and he doubts if Congress will subpoena the President to appear before the body.

Aumentado, who is president to both the League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP) and Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (Ulap), said Congress should respect the President's position if she would refuse to comment on the issue categorically.

Besides, he added, the audio recording has yet to be authenticated and several audio recordings are coming out already. He also pointed to allegations that the controversial audio recording was the handiwork of the opposition.

However, Aumentado said he would rather that the President make a statement on the wiretapping controversy because "the issue is no longer a battle of evidence but a battle of propaganda."

"This is not anymore a battle of evidence since that alleged wiretapped conversation is not inadmissible in evidence in any court of justice or even in impeachment proceeding... but this is now a battle of propaganda," Aumentado said.

Aumentado, who was a three-term congressman in Bohol, said the planned investigation of the different committees in the House is a prerogative of the congressmen, but added that it should be "in aid of legislation."

Aumentado suggested to the different committees to draw rules and regulations and parameters in the investigation.

Aumentado said witnesses who have relevant and direct-bearing statements should be allowed to testify. This way, he said, the investigation in Congress will not become a political circus.

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# PDI Capiz correspondent reports getting threats

CEBU CITY—The INQUIRER correspondent in Capiz has received a death threat through a letter sent to him by a group calling itself the "Eastern Panay Front Committee of Nonito Aguirre Command."

The one-page computer-printed letter, written in Hiligaynon, threatened to "finish off" Felipe V. Celino for his "antipeople" articles.

The letter was delivered by an unidentified man on Monday afternoon at the Roxas City news office of Panay News, a regional newspapers in Western Visayas where Celino is the bureau chief. The letter, dated May 15, 2005, bore no signature, logo or letterhead.

Celino said he did not know why he got the death threat, as he had no recent articles that could be construed as "antipeople." He said his contacts within the New People's Army (NPA) had disowned the group.

Celino has been an INQUIRER correspondent for over a year and his most recent news stories involved the alleged irregularities involving the multimillion-peso expansion project of Roxas City's water district.

The letter also accused Celino of "selling" his stories but Celino said that in his more than a decade as journalist in Capiz, he never "sold" any issues to any individual.

"I'm living in a very simple way that would make my family, anybody, and even my detractors proud of me," Celino said.

Celino said he had reported the matter to the police for investigation.

Meanwhile, the provincial board of Capiz on Friday passed a resolution expressing support for journalists' struggle to uphold press freedom in the country.

The resolution, authored by board member Gilbert Ardivilla, said the Philippine media, considered as "watchdogs" of the society, should be "vulgar, vigilant and bombastic in its reportage and commentaries against those who rob the people of basic civil liberties, fraud, graft and corruption, on illegal drugs and gambling or on those who try to perpetuate criminality in society."

(The passage of the resolution has nothing to do with the death threats recently received by Celino as Ardivilla was not aware that the former had received death threats.)

"All media organizations in the country at present, believe that there can be no Press Freedom, if journalists... exist in conditions of fear, poverty and corruption; and neither can the Filipino people exist under such conditions," stressed Ardivilla, also a well-known human rights activist in Capiz. *From a report by Felipe V. Celino, PDI Visayas Bureau*

# 7 animal species in Sierra Madre listed as endangered

TUMAUINI, Isabela—Seven animal species found in the northern Sierra Madre Natural Park have been included in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources endangered list, pushing environmentalists to guard the area.

William Savella, community environment and natural resources officer in Palanan town and concurrent protected area superintendent, said the endangered species are the sea turtle or *pawikan* (*Chelonia mydas*), Philippine flying fox or *bayakan* (*Pteropus vampyrus lanensis*), Philippine eagle (*Pithecophaga jefferyi*), wild boar (*Sus philippinesis*), Philippine brown deer (*Cervus marianus*), cloud rat (*Ratus mindorensis*), and the flame-breasted fruit dove (*Ptilinopus arcanus*).

The local environment office has also documented reports that the number of other fauna species such as the Philippine hornbill or *kalaw*, the Philippine crocodile or *bukarot* (*Crocodilus mindorensis*), the fruit bat (*Pteropus speciosus*), and the Philippine eagle owl (*Bubo philippensis*) has been decreasing rapidly in the natural park.

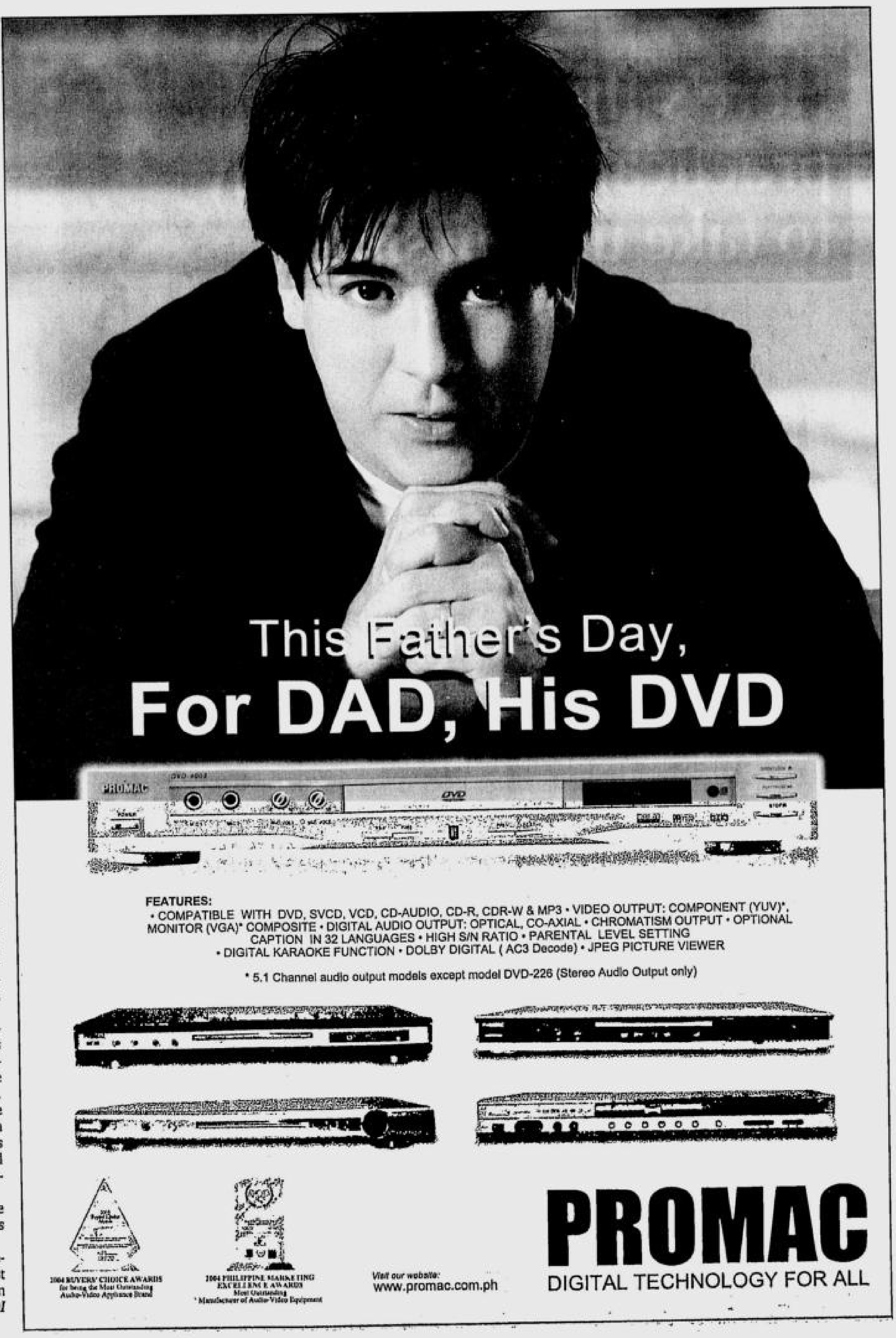
Savella said the decrease in animal population in the Sierra Madre can be traced to many factors, among them were the diminishing forest cover in the area and illegal hunting.

The endangered species belong to the national list of species of Philippine wild birds, mammals, and reptiles that need to be protected and conserved, he said.

DENR records showed that the park's forest cover was intact in 1901. In the late 1920s, loggers encroached in the forest areas and by the 1960s, massive logging operations were reported there.

In 1987, only one-third of the eastern portion of the park was considered virgin forest.

On Sept. 7, 1979, the DENR declared as wilderness area the forest land within the 45-km radius from Palanan. *Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*



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# Cops hunt doc suspected in wife's murder

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Police here launched a manhunt for a government doctor, who was suspected of killing his physician-wife last week.

SPO4 Alfonso Cuarez, investigator at the Macasandig police station, said they have already flashed an alarm for the arrest of Farouk Marohombsar, municipal health officer of Talisayan, Misamis Oriental.

"We are suspecting that he is hiding in General Santos City though he could also be in Lanao del Sur. We have already alarmed all the police stations in the country to help us find him," Cuarez said.

Marohombsar disappeared on June 11, shortly before the body of his wife, Cheryl Ilogon, was discovered in their house at Fernhill Subdivision in Barangay Macasandig here.

A male househelp was trying to wake her up that day because the technician earlier summoned to repair her computer arrived.

When she failed to answer, the boy climbed up the windows and saw Cheryl's body in bed.

Based on initial investigation conducted by the police, Cheryl, a 46-year-old gynecologist, was violently attacked and strangled to death.

"Her mouth was deformed, her neck showed traces of choking and her nape was swelling," Cuarez said.

He said they also found her mobile phone, calling cards and pieces of jewelry missing.

An autopsy conducted by the National Bureau of Investigation in Northern Mindanao showed that Cheryl was already dead about six to eight hours before her body was found.

Cuarez said follow-up investigation conducted on the death of Cheryl revealed that she and her husband had been sleeping in separate rooms for years now.

He said the police learned that the couple was trying to get their marriage annulled.

Cuarez said the couple's daughter told police she heard her parents having another argument. Grace Cantal-Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau

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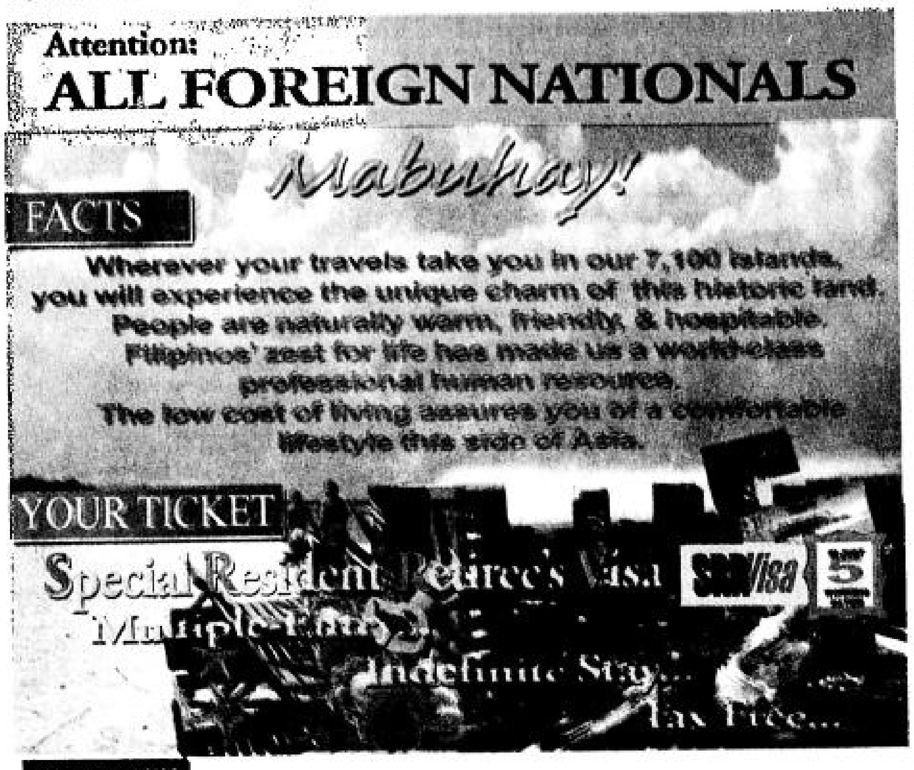

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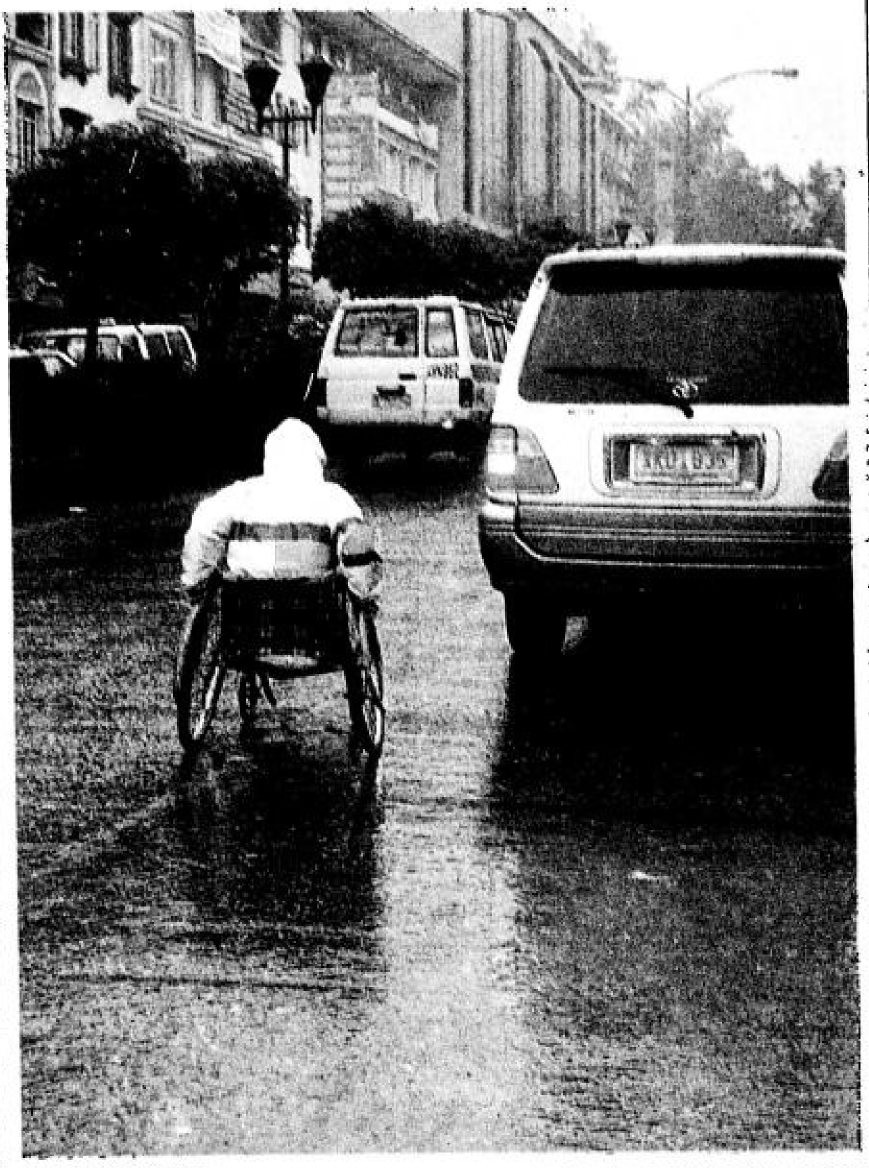

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# Gov't wage hike sought

By Felipe V. Celino
*PDI Visayas Bureau*

ROXAS CITY—Sen. Mar Roxas said he would file a bill that will increase the salaries of about 1.2 million state employees.

Roxas, chair of the Senate committee on economic affairs, said in a statement released by his office on Friday that the Salary Standardization Law should be reviewed, considering the current cost of living.

Under Roxas' bill, the Department of Budget and Management will determine the new salary scales and recommend an early retirement and voluntary separation package for government employees.

"With the rising prices of gasoline, electricity, public transport fares and basic goods, the present range of salaries is just not enough for government employees and teachers to survive," Roxas said.

Roxas said the Salary Standardization Law was passed in 1989 and set the salary range of government employees from P2,000 to P25,000. It was first amended in 1994 and again in 2001, increasing the salary range from P4,000 to P50,000.

Currently, the salary scale under the law ranges from P5,082 to P57,750, with the highest scale representing the President's salary.

In the case of public school teachers, Roxas noted that they "are given the important task of educating our children and yet they are only receiving P9,939 a month with a workload of at least 36 students per teacher."

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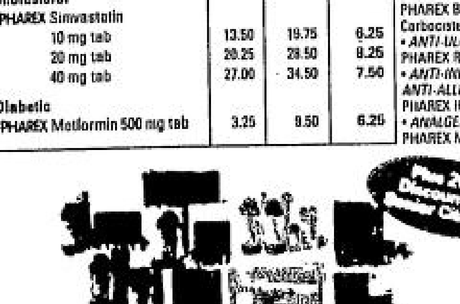

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BEHIND the bars of the Baguio City Jail are alternative classrooms like this one conducted by Reymar Moraleda (facing camera), a government teacher who offers functional literacy courses to juvenile inmates each week. VINCENT CABREZA/PDI NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU

# Gov't helps children cope with life in jail

**By Donna Demetillo**
*PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

BAGUIO CITY—He stood out among the bunch of teenagers dancing around folded newspapers while an old karaoke played hit after hit in full blast.

They were playing the newspaper dance during one of the rare occasions when they leave their conflicts behind and come together as a group for recreation.

"Bunso" (youngest child) was skipping around his newspaper with sheer delight and giving his dance partner, Rose, the sweetest smile he could muster.

At 14, Bunso is the youngest of the 23 juvenile inmates at the Baguio City Jail. Imprisoned for possession of illegal drugs, he would spend most of his days dreaming of being reunited with his family and regretting having been involved with illegal drug dealing.

But Bunso said that he had not known exactly what he was carrying. All he knew was that an older cousin needed to have something delivered and he was the "runner."

He did not know that his cousin was already under police surveillance. And so when the police barged into their house, Bunso was caught with a packet of shabu in his pockets.

"It's lonely in jail. I miss my mother and my siblings; I want to be with them. I don't even have their pictures with me," Bunso told the INQUIRER.

"I don't have friends here. I consider them my enemies because they bully me. They steal whatever leftover I would manage to keep," he said.

Bunso said only during Wednesdays and Fridays would the monotony be broken since he and his fellow young inmates were allowed to leave their cells to play basketball or attend classes at the jail's recreation rooms.

Prison juveniles attend weekly functional literacy classes, which are informal interactions handled by social workers. During those sessions, they are taught whatever they wish to learn to rebuild their self-esteem, confidence and self-worth.

## Mobile teacher

Reymar Moraleda, a "mobile" teacher of the Department of Education and a member of the Juvenile Justice Network (JJN), is among the group's instructors.

The JJN is a network of agencies advocating restorative justice in the country and working to prevent minors from getting into conflict with the law, reforming offenders and reintegrating them into society.

Moraleda treats the youngsters as his friends. He teaches them songs of hope and change, or whatever his students wish to learn for the day.

He said he does not follow any lesson plan; everything is played by ear. He calls this "alternative learning."

Through him, the children learn to have fun while learning. They also learn how to trust someone in authority.

The JJN monitors these juveniles after they are released from prison through a program called Modern Youth Organization (MYO), whose members are minors who had spent time in prison.

The MYO is headed by Klaus Schwarz, JJN secretary, and 22-year-old Art, MYO president and a former detainee.

The organization is responsible for the continuous education and capability-building activities through various seminars, workshops and training programs, as well as recreational trips to strengthen camaraderie within the group.

## Reform

Art said he wanted to straighten out his life by earning a college degree. He was implicated in the hazing death of a schoolmate in 2000 when he was in high school. Although he said he did not deliver the killer blows on one of their fraternity neophytes, the nine fraternity members present during the hazing incident were charged with murder. The charges were later changed to homicide because they were minors when the crime was committed.

Art spent almost a year in jail. He continued his studies and joined the JJN after he was released from prison.

He is a third year student in electronic engineering at the St. Louis University here, and is planning to shift to a course in social work.

"I have learned a lot and have proven that I made a mistake then. I have also been able to help a lot of other people who, like me, share the same experience," he said.

"We need to follow up on juveniles who are in conflict with the law. We should not leave them alone because they will go back [to a life of crime]. The longer they stay in jail, the more they will learn [how to] commit crimes," said Executive Judge Iluminada Cabato-Cortes.

The JJN also works to prevent minors from committing crimes. In this aspect, Moraleda is also busy teaching street children in the city.

In his beat-up, red Volkswagen, Moraleda drives around the city trying to locate possible "students." He is a regular at the city market and the city parks, holding classes wherever and whenever he can. Sometimes he holds his classes in the narrow, crowded and potholed market alleys or at Burnham Park.

Moraleda is not alone in this kind of work. Modesta Bastian, chief of the elementary division of the DepEd-Cordillera, said the agency has 15 mobile teachers in the Cordillera, most of them concentrated in remote areas of Benguet.

# RP's oldest priest buried

SAN PABLO CITY—The Philippines' oldest priest who, shortly before he died, still sought to be allowed to say his final Mass, was buried on Friday at the San Pablo Memorial Cemetery, following the Concelebrated Funeral Mass 2 p.m. at the San Pablo Cathedral in this city.

He died of kidney tumor on Tuesday evening.

Msgr. Jerry V. Bitoon, who took care of the late Fr. Quirino Glodaviza Glorioso, 102, and newly installed St. Peter College Seminary Rector Jerry Gaela, facilitated the transfer of the priest's remains from the seminary chapel to the cathedral at about 1 p.m. and prepared the dead cleric for the solemn Eucharistic Celebration, after which the interment followed.

At least four bishops and more than 100 priests joined the funeral Mass for their fallen comrade who, according to Bitoon, served as the model of fidelity to God and the church of priests and seminarians.

The seminary chapel, spilling with priests, nuns, seminarians, parishioners, friends and relatives during the necrological service on June 16, heard various testimonies praising Father Lolo, as Glorioso was fondly called, for his untiring commitment to the ministry without counting the cost, even if this meant he would remain poor.

Gaela said the old priest's health and long life could have been the result of his regimen as an athletic person.

"His favorite games in his younger years were football, horse riding and boxing," he said.

"When Manny Pacquiao was slated to fight against Mexican boxer Morales, Father Lolo rushed to finish his meal in order to catch up on the fight. But when Manny was defeated, Father Lolo became silent and lost his appetite," Gaela recalled.

When asked why, Glorioso retorted, "I was mad because they (adversaries) cheated Pacquiao."

Dr. Cynthia Sanchez, the old priest's personal physician of 13 years, said she started attending to Glorioso's health after finishing her training in medicine.

"Father Lolo was, for me and my loved ones, an important part of our family. He was always at our house each time there was an important occasion. His simplicity, frankness, prayer life and detachment from material allure, made me adore him," Sanchez, who cried at the priest's deathbed, admitted.

In 2002, when Father Lolo went on a tour with Bitoon, among others, the doctor did not think twice when requested to accompany the old cleric.

She said Father Lolo was supposed to go on another tour last May in Jerusalem and other holy places, but she sighed with relief when the trip did not materialize because the priest's condition would have made travel very difficult for him. *Romulo O. Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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# Bulane carnage: From victims to accused

**By Aquiles Z. Zonio**
*Digos City, Davao Del Sur*

LYING on the ground wounded, Richard Bulane saw a man in fatigues rushing to him. The man, brandishing an M-16 rifle, drew out a knife to finish him off. From a few meters, a familiar voice rang, "Hold it!" The soldier backed off and walked away to join his colleagues.

The voice came from Leonardo Taborada, a member of the militia and Richard's cousin. Taborada had saved Richard's life.

It was around 10 a.m. of Feb. 8 and blood was oozing from his wounds. He pleaded to the soldiers to bring him to a hospital, but they abandoned him. He arrived at the hospital around 4 p.m., after about six hours of agonizing pain.

## The carnage

In his bed at the Digos Provincial Hospital, Richard, a tribal leader in Sitio Latil and one of the three survivors in the Feb. 8 carnage in the remote barangay of Colonsabac in Matanao, Davao Del Sur, recalled how the massacre happened.

His elder brother, Rogelio, 42, and his son Ricky, 14, left the sitio at around 5 p.m. on Feb. 7 to catch frogs and shrimps from the Sagnit River, about a kilometer from their place.

Eager to bring home a good catch, Rogelio and his son stayed the whole night by the river. They slept past midnight beneath a huge rock by the river bank.

They woke up at around 6 a.m. Rogelio was cooking breakfast when suddenly he heard bursts of gunfire.

The bullets that hit him in the back and legs knocked him down. He could hardly move. He yelled to his son to run home to tell relatives what happened to them.

Ricky ran as fast as he could. The soldiers shot him and he was hit but he reached the village nonetheless.

Unable to recognize the perpetrators, Ricky told his uncle that they were attacked by bandits and his father was already dead.

Rogelio's brothers Francisco, 34; Richard, 29; Padilla, 27; and Fromencio, 24, and their father Mariano and three other relatives rushed to the place. Four of them grabbed their shotguns called "Surit-surit."

They were approaching the area when Richard saw armed men in firing positions lurking by the roadside.

They shouted "We are civilians!" But the men shot at them.

Fromencio, Padilla and Francisco escaped only to be killed by a blocking force put up by the Bravo company of the Army's 25th Infantry Battalion at nearby Sitio Ubong Ano.

## Rebels and bandits

Richard believed Rogelio and Ricky were shot by the soldiers thinking they were New People's Army (NPA) rebels.

"Maybe they were mistaken for NPA rebels by the military when they were seen cooking in the jungle. But military men shouldn't have shot them. They were unarmed," Richard said.

The military claimed in its press release that it was a legitimate encounter, not a massacre.

In the same press release, the military claimed that they recovered three shotguns from the scene of the encounter.

But Richard belied the military claim saying "Do NPA rebels carry home-made shotguns? Everybody knows they carry high-powered firearms."

Richard admitted to having served as a military asset for a short period of time, but he had severed his ties with them upon realizing that it was putting his life and those of his family members in danger.

This, he said, could be one of the reasons the soldier tried to finish him off when he was seen lying wounded on the ground.

He did not know the soldiers involved in the attack but said he could recognize some of their faces.

## Settlement

Despite losing three brothers in the incident, Richard is not harboring rancor against the military.

The incident made their lives difficult. "We were maimed. I don't know whether we could still plow the field. Our lives have been greatly affected but I want this problem to be settled through peaceful means."

They wanted the military to compensate them for the damage and injuries they suffered during the carnage.

The exact amount would be discussed by members of the Bulane clan.

But in a bizarre twist of events, the victims have become the accused.

On Feb. 23, the military filed attempted murder charges against Richard and the others.

A warrant of arrest was issued with unusual haste by the local court on Feb. 28 without first hearing the side of the victims.

Dominador Carillo, legal counsel for the victim, said representatives from the military admitted to the killing during the dialogue in the later part of February held in Matan-ao town.

The dialogue was attended by local officials of Matan-ao, some newsmen, nongovernment organizations, the victims' family and the military.

"It's amusing that they (military) are now the ones accusing the victims. I was there in the dialogue when the representatives of the military admitted to having killed the victims because they are NPAs and bandits," Carillo said.

Even if the Bulane clan will not hire him as legal counsel, Carillo said he will testify for the sake of truth and justice.

"Killing somebody because he is an NPA or a bandit is not enough justification," he said.

A case against the government soldiers has been filed before the Commission on Human Rights.

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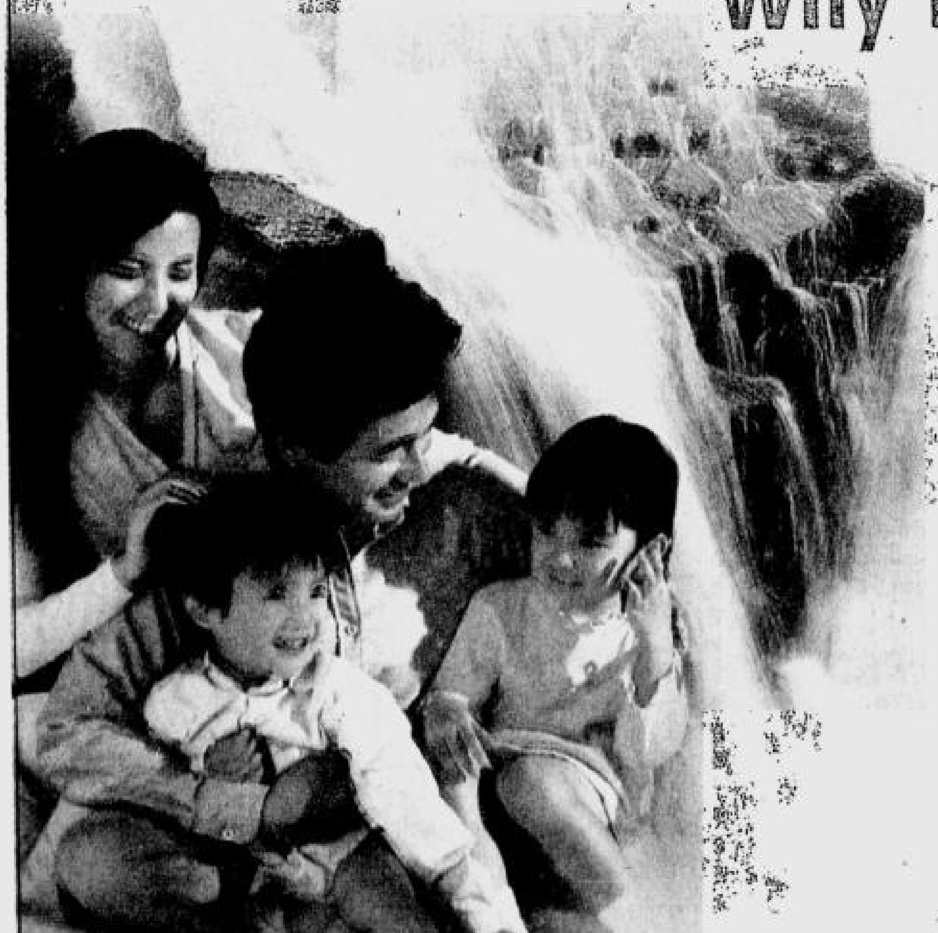

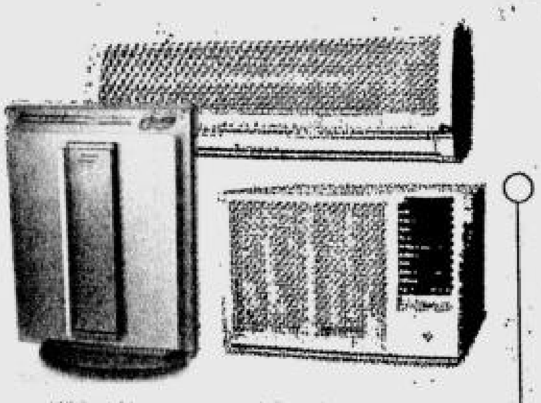

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# Education for indigenous folk tagged urgent

**By Vincent Cabreza**
*PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

BAGUIO CITY—The world community of indigenous peoples are urging United Nations member nations, like the Philippines, to "rethink" their education policies to help raise the number of educated indigenous peoples.

This was the consensus of the 4th session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues last month, after it assessed a UN commitment "to achieve universal primary education" by 2015, said forum chair Victoria Tauli-Corpuz.

Corpuz, executive director of the Baguio-based Tebtebba Foundation, is the first Filipino to be elected chair of the UN body.

The session, which ended on May 27 in New York, analyzed the UN Millennium Development Goals for 2015 that are designed to eradicate world poverty. One such goal involved education.

A 2003 Tebtebba study that was commissioned by the Department of Education noted that poverty and racial improprieties forced many pupils from indigenous Filipino communities to drop out before even reaching high school, according to historian Raymond Rovillos, the study leader.

Rovillos said the chief culprit is language. Most schools are bound by Malacañang's policy to make English the primary school language. This makes traditional classroom lessons inaccessible to indigenous Filipinos, he said.

But the permanent forum also stressed that mainstream education failed because the teaching community still described indigenous peoples as "backward and primitive." Corpuz noted few countries have acknowledged the rich, multicultural assets of indigenous knowledge. She said governments, like the Philippines, must alter "the mindset that indigenous peoples cannot contribute to nation-building because they are primitive."

"Governments should stop focusing on providing simply free basic education, because the new generations of poor people need education that is relevant to their lives," she said.

"If they can integrate the world views, the languages, and the different cultures into school curriculums, that would make the courses more relevant and appropriate for indigenous peoples."

The Tebtebba study was commissioned by former Education Secretary Edilberto de Jesus, but Corpuz said he was unable to accept the study recommendations because the government budget limited his resources to building classrooms instead of executing policies for the relatively indigenous student population.

But Corpuz praised Education Secretary Florencio Abad's recent directive allowing communities to develop their own education curriculum and standards that are suited to their villages' points of view.

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**BONDAGE**
Farmers held an indignation rally in front of the Department of Land Reform June 10 to show their disdain for the Arroyo administration and the neglect of agrarian reform.

# Indigenous folk use ethnic ways to protect forest

**By Maurice Malanes**
*PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

BAGUIO CITY—Indigenous folk are resorting to booby traps, spears, bolos or machetes, and *kulam* (sorcery) to guard their ancestral lands against encroachment from outsiders, who include mining and plantation firms and thieves of genetic resources.

Unable to get help from forest rangers of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, some indigenous communities have organized what they call "cultural" and "tribal guards" and "bantay gubat" (forest guards) to protect whatever is left of their forest and other resources.

"We don't have guns, but our tribal guards are adept in setting up traps and using spears, bolos, and bows and arrows, if necessary, to guard whatever is left of our forests and other resources," said Datu Alfredo Ubbo of Agusan del Sur.

The Manobo tribal leader was among 41 participants in a recent capacity-building workshop here on how indigenous peoples can assert their rights to their land and resources.

### Tribal meet

Organized by Tebtebba, an international resource center for indigenous peoples, and by the Third World Network, an international policy advocacy group, the workshop drew indigenous folk from Mindanao, Palawan, Mindoro, and the Cordillera.

Ubbo and his tribe are contesting a paper milling firm's timber license agreement, which, the tribal leader said, has been converted into an industrial forest management agreement or Ifma.

Through the Ifma, the firm has been logging in Manobo communities "without first getting our free and prior informed consent," Ubbo said.

"We have thus organized our tribal guards to protect our remaining watersheds, which the paper mill firm seeks to log," he said, as he expressed dismay over how the firm and local governments don't respect the community's right to free and prior informed consent.

### Same boat

Like the Manobos, the Talaandig folk of Bukidnon have also organized "cultural guards," who are also armed not only with spears and bolos but also with "spiritual technology" like *kulam* or sorcery, said Datu Victorino Saway, a Talaandig tribal leader.

"We can use the air and dust so if these fall on the eyes of encroachers, they can go blind," he said.

Talaandig cultural guards are said to be well-versed on the name of every plant and animal species in Mt. Kitanglad, the tribe's sacred area.

"They (cultural guards) have to be well-versed about every plant and animal species so they know what to protect in the same way that spiritual guards know every spirit that guards our forests, mountains and rivers so they know whom to contact for help," said Saway.

# DA sees 65,000 new jobs through agri programs

**By Vicente S. Labro**
*PDI Visayas Bureau*

TACLOBAN CITY—The Department of Agriculture has earmarked for agribusiness development this year around 21,700 hectares of "new lands" in Eastern Visayas, which is expected to increase food production and generate about 65,000 new jobs in the region.

Leo Cañeda, DA executive director for Eastern Visayas, said about half of the 21,700 ha represent coconut lands that are idle or not fully utilized, where farmers can do intercropping and undertake aquaculture and livestock integration projects.

Development of idle lands for agribusiness is one of the twin goals of the agriculture department in support of the 10-point agenda of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

### Lower prices

The other goal is to bring down the cost of basic commodities such as rice, fish, vegetables, pork, poultry, eggs and corn through productivity enhancement, efficient distribution and improved retailing.

"What is included in goal one in our agribusiness plan are coconut and some high value crops like mango, jackfruit, coffee, abaca," Cañeda said. However, he added that rice was not included because officials were not sure if they could open new irrigated rice areas due to funding constraints.

Congressmen and governors in Eastern Visayas, the DA regional chief said, have indicated their support for the agribusiness project which "is expected to generate 65,000 new jobs" in the region.

### Leaders' help

Meanwhile, in an effort to increase rice production in Leyte, the DA will tap credible farmer leaders to undertake extension service delivery to small rice farmers in their respective towns under the agency's Farmer-led Extension Strategy (FLES), a program that supports the agency's hybrid rice commercialization program.

Cañeda explained that at present, extension delivery is predominantly the function of local government units but "we believe that this delivery system of LGUs is not enough."

Under the FLES program, a farmer leader, in coordination with the municipal agricultural technician, will have to reach out to other farmers and teach them modern farming methods particularly on the use of hybrid rice.

Participants in the FLES program, he said, will be given free seeds from PhilRice and P15,000 which the DA will allocate for supplies and other materials and honoraria of the farmer-leader and the agricultural technician.

# Environment execs tap Dumagats, Agtas to protect Sierra Madre

TUMAUINI, Isabela—Dumagats and Agtas in Isabela have been tapped by environment officials to guard the Sierra Madre Natural Park, one of the few remaining virgin forests in the country.

William Savella, community environment and natural resources officer in Palanan and concurrent protected area superintendent, said the natives in the coastal areas have been tapped and trained to manage and develop the natural park without destroying its pristine forest.

No new foreign and local nongovernment environment groups have joined the conservation efforts following the formal exit od World Wide Fund (WWF) for Nature-Philippines in April this year after the Netherlands government withdrew its funding support for the P575-million northern Sierra Madre Natural Park conservation project in December last year, Savella said.

### Tribal help

He said Bantay-Kalikasan and Bantay-Dagat teams—formed mostly by Dumagats, Agtas and villagers—have been helping the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in implementing environment laws, especially in prohibiting the capture, killing, and trade of wildlife species.

Dumagat natives and residents in the protected areas have been also monitoring turtle and fish sanctuaries in the coastal towns to avert poaching, illegal fishing and hunting, he added.

The 359,486-hectare natural park straddles Dinapigue, Palanan, Maconacon, Divilacan, San Mariano, Ilagan, San Pablo, Cabagan, Sta. Maria and Tumauini towns.

### Home

The park is home to at least 5,000 Dumagats and Agtas, who mostly depend on hunting and fishing for a living.

In December last year, The Netherlands government withdrew its funding support for the Sierra Madre project, citing the lack of commitment among local and national officials to pursue forest conservation in the province.

The Plan International undertook the first phase of the project while the WWF-Philippines implemented the second phase. *Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

# *Tribe concerns, ecology clash on Mt. Pulag*

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet—Mount Pulag, Luzon's highest peak, continues to beam with its wildlife and pristine forests but environ ment officials are saying that its lower ranges are slowly suffering from the effects of a clash between infrastructure development and ecosystem preservation.

Emerita Tamiray, Mt. Pulag National Park superintendent, said the mountain's ecotourism activities are also being dragged into issues involving ancestral land domains and forest protection measures.

Tamiray said these issues have distracted the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' efforts to maintain Mt. Pulag's allure as home of endangered species and as a summer favorite for trekkers and climbers.

Mt. Pulag, also the country's second highest peak, is 2,922 meters above sea level and covers 11,550 hectares of virgin grasslands and lush forests.

Tamiray blamed the unsettled boundary disputes in the mountain's lower confines as the culprit behind the conflict that had brought animosity between local governments and villages.

### Claims

"One town, for instance, will claim that this portion of the mountain is within its territory and decides to begin clearing and leveling activities for roads. But an adjacent town with another claim may want the area to remain as a forest reserve," she said.

Mt. Pulag, she said, is so vast that its slopes cover 14 villages in five towns—Bokod, Kabayan and Buguias in Benguet, Tinoc in Ifugao and Kayapa in Nueva Vizcaya.

"Directly affected by efforts to develop the roads or preserve the forests are 14 indigenous communities with diverse cultural practices," Tamiray told the INQUIRER.

She said the ancestral land claims of indigenous communities often clash with the DENR's biodiversity approach in preserving Mt. Pulag, now a protected national park.

### Livelihood

"Believing that a forest is part of their ancestral domain, the villagers [would] clear some portions for agriculture purposes since gardening is their only means of livelihood," she said.

But Tamiray said the move would disturb the park's wildlife resources and other natural wealth.

She said these ancestral land issues have affected the DENR's programs to intensify the mountain's protection.

This has resulted in what Tamiray described as "a very uncomfortable situation"—that the people see Mt. Pulag preservation measures as a threat to their farming while environment officials see farming as a threat to the park's preservation.

### Guidance sought

Tamiray said the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples should issue clear guidelines to settle the problem of ancestral land domains amid the existence of protected natural parks such as Mt. Pulag.

She said, however, that the DENR is trying its best to address these social concerns, foremost of which is the formation of a Protected Area Management Board that includes representatives of indigenous communities.

The PAMB, she said, is a policy making body that approves all development programs within Mt. Pulag.

As part of the mountain's eco-tourism programs, Tamiray said the DENR has also begun hiring members of indigenous communities as tourist guides and park rangers to provide them an alternative means of livelihood. *Delmar Cariño, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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# Zambo health execs raise alarm on return of dengue

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Health authorities said the high number of dengue cases monitored here from January to June 13 was enough to declare an outbreak.

Health Undersecretary Milagros Fernandez admitted that there has been a rise in the number of dengue cases nationwide but the city has registered the highest increase.

"Something should be done for prevention not by health authorities alone but by the communities as a whole," she said.

"(The number of) dengue cases for the past months (is) eight times higher than in 2004. We really have an outbreak here," said Lala Sabido, an epidemiologist at the Department of Health office.

Sabido said based on office records, at least 425 cases of dengue have already been monitored since the start of the year.

The DOH's Dengue Monitoring and Control Program reported that for 2004, only 245 cases of dengue were recorded in the city.

Rodel Agbulos, city health officer, said the rise in the number of dengue cases in the city is "very, very alarming."

Agbulos said from January, his office has already monitored at least three deaths from dengue.

He did not say in which period the victims died but said they were an infant, a pre-school child and a 62-year-old adult.

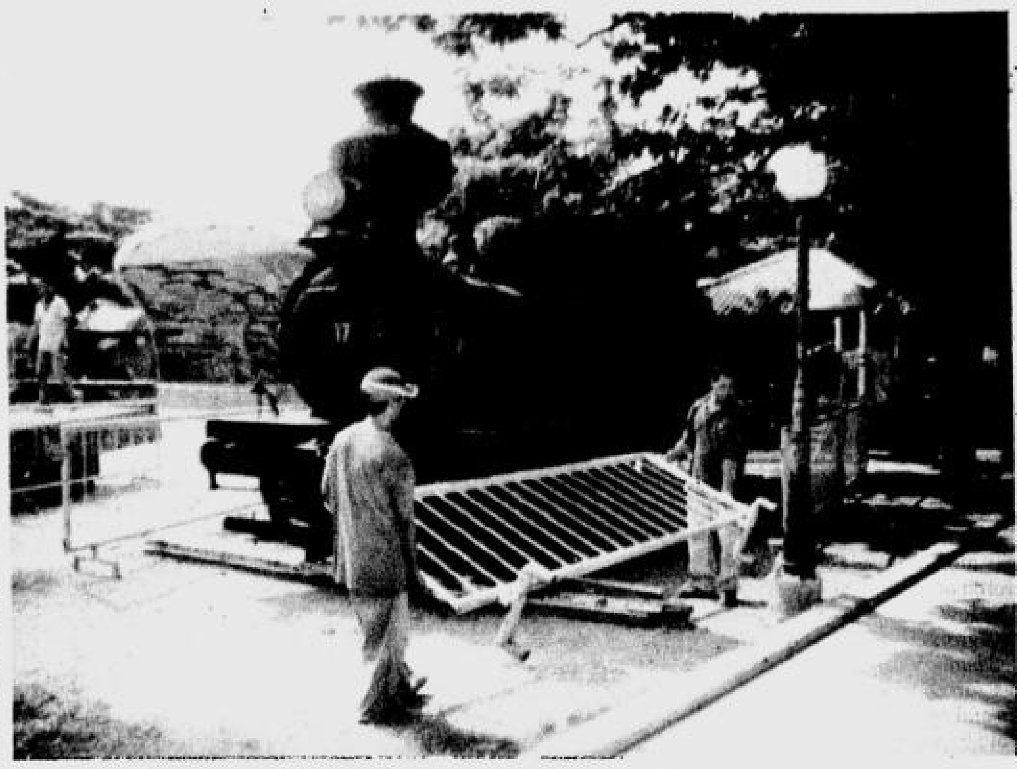
Agbulos said the increase in the number of dengue cases occurred despite the creation of a Dengue Brigade.

"We've been all up against dengue... yet the number of cases is increasing," he said.

Sabido said residents could be partly blamed for the sharp rise in the number of dengue cases.

"We are doing everything. (But) the community is very passive, very lukewarm about the dengue campaign and control," Sabido said.

She said it was important that the city government declare a dengue outbreak and conduct a citywide clean-up drive, similar to what was done in 1998 and 2001. *Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau*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**NEW HOME**
Dagupan City Hall workers carry steel railings to serve as a fence for this vintage steam locomotive which will be on display at the city plaza. The locomotive arrived in the city to be featured in the city's 58th Agew na Dagupan celebration tomorrow.

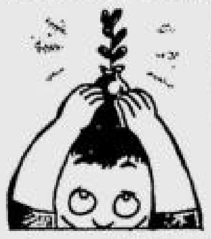
## ROUNDUP

### Most wanted held

LEGAZPI CITY—After nine years of hiding, Camalig, Albay's No. 1 most wanted person was arrested last June 7. Elmer Mariño, 41, of Barangay Sumlang, Camalig, was charged with murder in 1996. Mariño was arrested in Barangay 1, Calamba City in Laguna by a team led by Senior Insp. Rogelio Beraquit of the Camalig municipal police office. A warrant of arrest had been issued by Judge Gregorio Consulta of the Regional Trial Court Branch 4 here.

*Jed Ll. Bacason, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

### Volunteers plant narra



PAGBILAO, Quezon—A total of 600 narra seedlings were planted in the Binahaan Watershed Area in Barangay Sta. Catalina, Atimonan town by at least 207 volunteers as part of the recent commemoration of World Environment Day. The volunteers were led by employees of the Mirant Pagbilao Corp., Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Pagbilao Municipal Agriculturist Office, 4-H Club and the Sangguniang Kabataan of Pagbilao and Atimonan towns. Each volunteer was assigned to plant at least three narra seedlings.

*Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

### Sawmill raided

LUCENA CITY—A sawmill suspected of operating illegally in Barangay Magsaysay in Infanta, Quezon was raided on Monday by police and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Armed with a search warrant issued by Judge Cesar Orias, of the municipal trial court of Infanta, the authorities seized about 2,000 board feet of newly sawn lumber from assorted hardwood species. The raiders also confiscated an illegally installed band saw. Police identified the suspect as one Juanito Aztoveza, 56, a businessman from the same village and reportedly the owner of the seized illegal lumber and band saw. The items were hauled to the DENR office in Real town for inventory and safekeeping.

*Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

### Bus robbery

LUCENA CITY—Three men robbed the passengers of a Bicol-bound bus on Tuesday, a police report said. The Barney bus bearing license plate DVN-851 and driven by Esteban H. Lacson Jr. was traversing the Quirino Highway in Barangay San Luis, Tagkawayan, Quezon at around 9 p.m. when one of the suspects fired his gun and announced a holdup. Responding policemen identified one of the suspects as Melvin Llona, from the said village. Police also recovered a .38 cal. revolver from the escape route of the suspects.

*Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

### 6 die in accident

BUTUAN CITY—Six people died when a 10-wheeler truck rammed a passenger motorcycle in Barangay Villa Kananga here early morning Friday. Insp. Renato De Gracia, city traffic police chief, said the truck was speeding along Montilla Boulevard when it lost control and hit an approaching motorcycle with seven passengers. Five people onboard the motorcycle, including the driver died on the spot, while the sixth victim died in a hospital.

*Franklin Caliguid, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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# Manila 'junks' junk food for the city's children

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### More acceptable

To make the veggies more acceptable to children, they are dehydrated, ground and mixed with flour, milk, sugar, salt, cornstarch and sesame seeds, among other things.

The women's group has been tasked to develop innovative recipes and unique food items like the Nutri-Pulvoron and Nutri-Cupcake that are made from ground vegetables.

Tabo said housewives got additional money for every piece of *pulvoron* or cupcake they made.

The low-cost but highly nutritious ground vegetables, also called *budbod*, can be used as toppings for *champorado*, rice porridge and cereal served to kids.

Collaborating with the women's group in developing recipes for innovative snacks are the Manila Nutrition Committee and the Department of Science and Technology. The items had to have the approval of the Bureau of Food and Drugs.

"These vegetables maintain their nutritional value. This is good for children who are normally averse to vegetables. (With) no aftertaste, the (children) wouldn't know they are eating vegetables," Sanchez said.

Aside from food products, Atienza said they had also begun manufacturing medicines, like *malunggay* capsules.

"I myself have been taking them. They're good, they're very helpful. I felt a lot better since I started (taking them). But we're only producing them on a limited basis because (preparing them) is a tedious process," the mayor added.

City officials said studies had shown that the intake of *budbod* resulted in increased weight and height in malnourished children, increased milk production among lactating women, and stronger fetuses among pregnant women.

Atienza said they had yet to conduct a formal study to see if children who ate food laced with *budbod* did better in school compared to others.

**MANILA** employees distribute healthful goodies to children in one of the 370 day care centers in the city.

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# Cats take limelight at Galleria

CATS can purr, they can scratch. And they can also be champions.

At noon today, different breeds of cats will be competing for the Best in Show prize at the third and fourth Cat Championship Show to be held at Robinson's Galleria in Ortigas.

The competition, under the Feline Fanciers of the Philippines Inc. (FFPI), will be at the Galleria's Trade Hall.

Several cats will be up for adoption. Compassion and Responsibility Towards Animals (Cara) officials will speak on dealing with the feral population.

Distinguished personalities in the world of cats—Katy Hill of Hong Kong, Joan Henderson of Australia and Lily Dee of the Philippines—will be judging.

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# Rajo Laurel's SUV stolen, crashes

By Jocelyn R. Uy

KARMA came fast for him.

A thief who tried to steal fashion designer Rajo Laurel's new Prado Land Cruiser failed when the vehicle hit an electric post early morning yesterday in Barangay Poblacion, Makati City.

The two-month-old black sports utility vehicle (RTL-181) was parked outside Laurel's office at 6060 Poblacion when a man forced his guard to get the keys from his driver, Laurel told the INQUIRER yesterday.

"Maybe they were in a hurry, that was why he hit the post," Laurel said, who was shocked when he learned of the incident, which happened at 6:15 a.m.

Due to the collision, the car tipped over, injuring his guard, Gary Gustan.

"(Gustan) might not have used the seatbelt. He was found in the back seat, semi-conscious," Laurel said.

But he added that the suspect was no longer there when police arrived at the scene of the accident.

# Demand pushes Nursing up list of choice courses

NURSING appears to be taking big steps up the ladder of the most popular courses in the Philippines.

Last year, there were an additional 12,597 registered nurses following the June and December licensure exams, compared to 3,310 passers of the December 2003 exams, according to the Professional Regulatory Commission.

Last school year, 23 schools, 14 of which are in Metro Manila, also began offering a BS Nursing course.

Nursing used to be excluded from the list of the five most popular courses in the Philippines in the academic year 2001-2002. But just a year later, in AY 2003-2004, it went up to second place, according to Commission on Higher Education figures.

But it could have been on top, considering that the No. 1 spot that year was occupied not by one course but by one discipline group: the education and teacher training group consisting of the Bachelor and BS in Elementary, Secondary, and Elementary and Secondary Education.

A total of 296,371 students enrolled in this group, while 173,436 enrolled in Nursing. In the same academic year, enrollees of the medical and allied courses, of which Nursing is a part, reached 321,575. This means that more than half of those who enrolled in that group chose Nursing.

That year, Europe was reported to be short of about 100,000 nurses, and the United States was expected to have a shortage of 2 million nurses within a decade. This spawned an increase in nursing schools from 182 in 1998 to more than 300 in 2003, according to the Institute of Health Policy and Development Studies.

Meanwhile, according to a separate set of CHEd data which showed historical enrollment by discipline group from 1997 to 2004, Business Administration and related courses consistently had the most number of enrollees. Roger Perez, then CHEd executive director, explained in a 2003 interview with the INQUIRER that Commerce could be considered a course of the poor because its graduates could take any kind of odd job.

However, the figures of the said discipline group gradually dropped, from 620,681 enrollees in 1997 to 557,859 in AY 2003-2004. Enrollees of the course Commerce also decreased by more than 60 percent, from 166,025 in AY 2001-2002 to 69,970 in AY 2003-2004.

The consistent second most popular discipline group, education and teacher training, also showed a decline in enrollment starting 2001. From 439,549 enrollees, the numbers went down to 402,781 in AY 2003-2004.

On the other hand, from an all-time low of 141,771 in AY 2000-2001, the enrollees in medical and allied courses more than doubled in AY 2003-2004 at 321,575, raising the discipline group's rank from sixth to fourth. *Cyril L. Bonabente and Erika Sarmiento, PDI Research*

**Most Popular Courses** (AY 2001-2002 and AY 2003-2004)

| Rank | Course | Enrollees |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | B/BS in Elementary Education | 174,442 |
| 2 | BS in Commerce | 166,025 |
| 3 | BS in Computer Science | 126,924 |
| 4 | B/BS in Secondary Education | 113,777 |
| 5 | BS in Business Administration | 113,714 |

| Rank | Course | Enrollees |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | *B/BSEd/BSSEd | 296,371 |
| 2 | BS in Nursing | 173,436 |
| 3 | BS in Computer Science | 126,924 |
| 4 | BS in Commerce | 69,970 |
| 5 | BS in Criminology | 61,605 |

*Commission on Higher Education figures*
** Composed of Bachelor/BS in Elementary, Secondary, Elementary and Secondary Education*

# Rio Diaz son leads drive for victims of cancer

By Blanche S. Rivera

"JUST love them," was Ali Alejandro's simple advice to a group of screaming fans.

That evening, the screaming fans were not your regular pop star groupies but families and friends of cancer patients, cancer survivors, doctors and social workers.

"Show a lot of feelings, whether the situation is good or bad. Always stay by their side; it's what they need most, and of course, the spiritual support," Alejandro said after a performance.

Drummer Alejandro, 20, knows what he is talking about. He is the only son of singer Hadjii Alejandro and actress Rio Diaz, whose six-year battle with colon cancer had inspired many afflicted Filipinos to seek God and find meaning in their suffering.

### Band for Life

Alejandro, who plays for the band Mojofly, was among six groups of young musicians who performed—for free—for Band for Life, a fund-raising event of Biomedis Oncology for the benefit of 53 cancer support groups all over the country.

The concert was part of Biomedis Oncology's "Life Can Be Better" campaign aimed at strengthening the medical and psychosocial support system for Filipinos with cancer.

"To many, cancer heralds the beginning of the end in ways other than just the end of life. The pain of cancer itself is no match for the pain of leaving loved ones behind, of giving up a future, and of being all alone in the fight for survival," Biomedis writes in its advocacy sheet.

The need to heal this pain is at the core of Biomedis Oncology's efforts to link cancer patients, doctors and other experts, and friends and families through the "Life Can Be Better" campaign.

Even as it offers oncology products for cost-effective cancer treatment, Biomedis acknowledges the bigger importance of making the cancer victims feel that they are not alone in the often lonely journey.

"There is comfort in numbers. Living becomes more meaningful, and death more welcome, if and when it comes, when the spirit assumes better control of the body, and love and understanding prevail over the inconveniences of daily living," Biomedis says.

And a night of loud, rocking music from the country's most popular young artists at the Megastrip in Mandaluyong City proved its point.

Lyn, 29, drew much love and laughter from the concert. The loud music did not make her forget her condition—her breast cancer metastasized only last year—but reminded her that even with the uncertainty of life, she could sing along, just like everyone else.

"Cancer *lang iyan. Sakit lang iyan eh. Pwede ka naman lumaban. Hindi naman kailangang talunin ka ng sakit mo* (It's just cancer. It's only an ailment. You can fight it. You can never be beaten by what ails you)," she said.

### Cancer fighter

Lyn's companion, 54-year-old Veron de Guzman, could not agree more. She has been fighting cervical cancer since 1998 and her illness is in remission.

De Guzman, president of the Cancer Fighter group in the Philippine General Hospital, said being with other cancer patients was helping her cope emotionally with the ailment.

Cancer cost De Guzman much. Her husband left her when she could not work anymore due to her illness. With five kids who were too young to understand the emotional baggage that came with cancer, she sought the understanding of fellow cancer patients.

"There are things you can't tell your family, but which you can discuss with others who are in the same condition, because you know they will understand," De Guzman said in Filipino.

"Getting together means so much to us," Lyn added. "Sometimes, even if we don't have snacks, we meet at PGH just to catch up, ask each other how we have been."

The Band for Life concert also featured the sale of orange baller bands with the slogan "Life Can Be Better." All the performers—Mojofly, Session Road, Stonefree, Sugarfree, Cambio and Hale—wore the orange bands to encourage their fans to buy them.

Biomedis Oncology sold 497 pieces of the band, which is priced at P50 each. The proceeds will go to the Cancer Fund.

*(Those who wish to support the Fund may call Biomedis at 638-5844.)*

## *UA&P tops most expensive schools in Metro Manila*

SOME schools remain almost exclusive to wealthy Filipinos, as can be seen from the list of some of the most expensive colleges and universities in Metro Manila in terms of the total tuition of undergraduate freshmen for the academic year 2005-2006.

University of Asia and the Pacific tops the list. Its cost per unit depends on the course, but according to its registrar's office, one unit costs P2,018 on the average. With usually 27 units in one term and with two terms in an academic year, a freshman has to shell out about P108,972 for this school year's tuition alone.

This figure is higher than the estimated annual income of a minimum wage earner in Metro Manila. According to the Department of Labor and Employment, the new daily basic wage for the non-agriculture sector in Metro Manila will be pegged at P325, inclusive of the daily emergency cost of living allowance. If a minimum wage earner works for 26 days in a month and 12 months in a year, his/her annual income will be P101,400.

This is barely higher than the total tuition of second-placer De La Salle University. DLSU charges P1,762.50 per unit on the average, with a student usually taking 18 units in a term. But unlike most schools, DLSU is trimestral, resulting in a total tuition of approximately P95,175.

Assumption College comes in third. Its cost per unit, P1,404, is about P500 lower than that of Ateneo de Manila University (P2,053.40). But according to its registrar's office, one semester in Assumption usually includes 30 units, compared to ADMU's 18, totaling P84,240 this year. ADMU will charge freshmen about P73,922.40 this year.

These figures exclude miscellaneous and other fees. UA&P's miscellaneous fees amount to P8,605 a semester or P17,210 in a year. DLSU charges P4,281 for the registration fee, student services, athletics, student materials and forms, medical/dental fee, library fee, Internet fee, insurance fee and ID validation fee (which is not included in the enrollment for the first term of the freshman year).

On the other hand, Polytechnic University of the Philippines charges only P70 for the registration fee, library fee, medical and dental fee, cultural fee, athletic fee and identification card. Meanwhile, University of the Philippines Diliman's miscellaneous fees amount to P615 a semester. PUP and UP Diliman are government schools.

PUP charges only P504 for two semesters having 21 units each. UP Diliman's annual tuition costs P10,800, with usually 18 units per semester.

The tuition money spent for a UA&P freshman taking 36 units this year can pay for this year's tuition of about 168 PUP freshmen, or about six UP Diliman freshmen, with each taking 36 units. *Cyril L. Bonabente, PDI Research*

**Some of the Most Expensive Colleges and Universities in Metro Manila**
(In terms of tuition of undergraduate freshmen, AY 2005-2006)

| Rank | School | Cost per Unit | Estimated Tuition** |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | University of Asia and the Pacific | *P2,018.00 | P108,972.00 |
| 2 | De La Salle University | *1,762.50 | 95,175.00 |
| 3 | Assumption College | 1,404.00 | 84,240.00 |
| 4 | Ateneo de Manila University | 2,053.40 | 73,922.40 |
| 5 | Philippine Women's University | 720.00 | 64,800.00 |
| 6 | St. Scholastica's College | 1,335.60 | 64,108.80 |
| 7 | FEU-East Asia College | *972.50 | 61,267.50 |
| 8 | Mapua Institute of Technology | 1,292.00 | 56,848.00 |
| 9 | Miriam College | 1,290.00 | 54,180.00 |
| 10 | San Beda College | 900.00 | 48,600.00 |
| 11 | St. Paul College of Quezon City | 862.05 | 46,550.70 |
| 12 | San Sebastian College | 700.00 | 42,000.00 |
| 13 | AMA Computer University | 700.00 | 42,000.00 |
| 14 | Far Eastern University | 924.00 | 38,808.00 |
| 15 | College of the Holy Spirit, Manila | 903.91 | 37,964.22 |
| 16 | University of Santo Tomas | 899.20 | 37,766.40 |
| 17 | University of the East | 765.00 | 35,190.00 |
| 18 | Trinity College of Quezon City | 741.00 | 31,122.00 |
| 19 | Colegio de San Juan de Letran | 711.00 | 29,862.00 |
| 20 | Lyceum of the Philippines | 728.00 | 29,120.00 |
|  | **In Contrast:**<br>**Public Universities** |  |  |
| 1 | University of the Philippines, Diliman | *P300.00 | P10,800.00 |
| 2 | Polytechnic University of the Philippine | *12.00 | 504.00 |

*AY = academic year*
** Ave. cost per unit charged among the various rates depending on the course*
*** Estimated Tuition for the AY = Cost per Unit x Usual No. of Units Taken in a Term x No. of Terms in an AY*

*Notes:*
*The usual number of units taken in a term ranged from 11 at Mapua to 30 at Assumption, PWU and San Sebastian.*
*Mapua has 4 terms in an AY; DLSU, PWU, FEU-East Asia and AMA have three,*
*The rest are semestral.*

*Sources: The schools' accounting, admissions, marketing communications, registrar's and treasurer's offices*

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# Manila 'junks' junk food for kids

**By Tina G. Santos**

FOR SEVERAL years now, Manila preschoolers have been getting—and enjoying—nutritious snacks for free that include vitamin-rich green, leafy vegetables like *kangkong*, *kamote* tops, *alugbati*, *malunggay* and *pechay*.

Sounds like a parent's dream come true, huh?

City officials have found a way to sweeten the "bitter" pill, so to speak, and encourage kids, who usually would rather go for junk foods, to eat their veggies.

Wanting the city's kids to be healthy and smart, Manila's local officials implemented "Sustansya Atienza," a supplemental feeding program, in 2001.

"This is our way of supplementing the nutrition requirements of children,. especially those who come from poor families," Mayor Lito Atienza told the INQUIRER. "In making Manila a world-class city, we must keep our children healthy. We have to make sure young Manileños are getting the proper nutrition."

The supplemental feeding program, organized by Manila's Department of Social Welfare to help boost the mental and physical development of kids through adequate nutrition, benefits some 17,000 students in the city's 370 day care centers, Dr. Lorraine Sanchez, city health officer, said.

## Beyond malnutrition

The city's nutrition program has even gone beyond fighting malnutrition and food insecurity.

"The project has also contributed to the empowerment of poor women. It envisions women's active participation in nation-building by ensuring safe, nutritious food and a healthy environment for their families and communities," Atienza said.

Emma Tabo, 51, volunteer *barangay* health worker from San Andres, said money she earned from the nutrition program helped augment the family income.

"Times are really hard these days, you have to find other means to earn," said Tabo, a mother of three, adding she could not always rely on her husband's meager salary as a street sweeper.

Tabo, along with several other housewives in her community, was paid for the vegetables from her backyard that were used in the nutrition program.

Sanchez said they encouraged poor families to plant even in pots or small containers for extra income. She added that the program also helped the city's garbage recycling efforts.

"These vegetables can be planted in environment-friendly compost soil using kitchen wastes and garden soil, thus easing another city problem concerning waste management," Sanchez said.

Tabo said she earned an average of P600 a month for her harvest, which she sold to the city government through the Kababaihan ng Maynila, a nongovernment organization.

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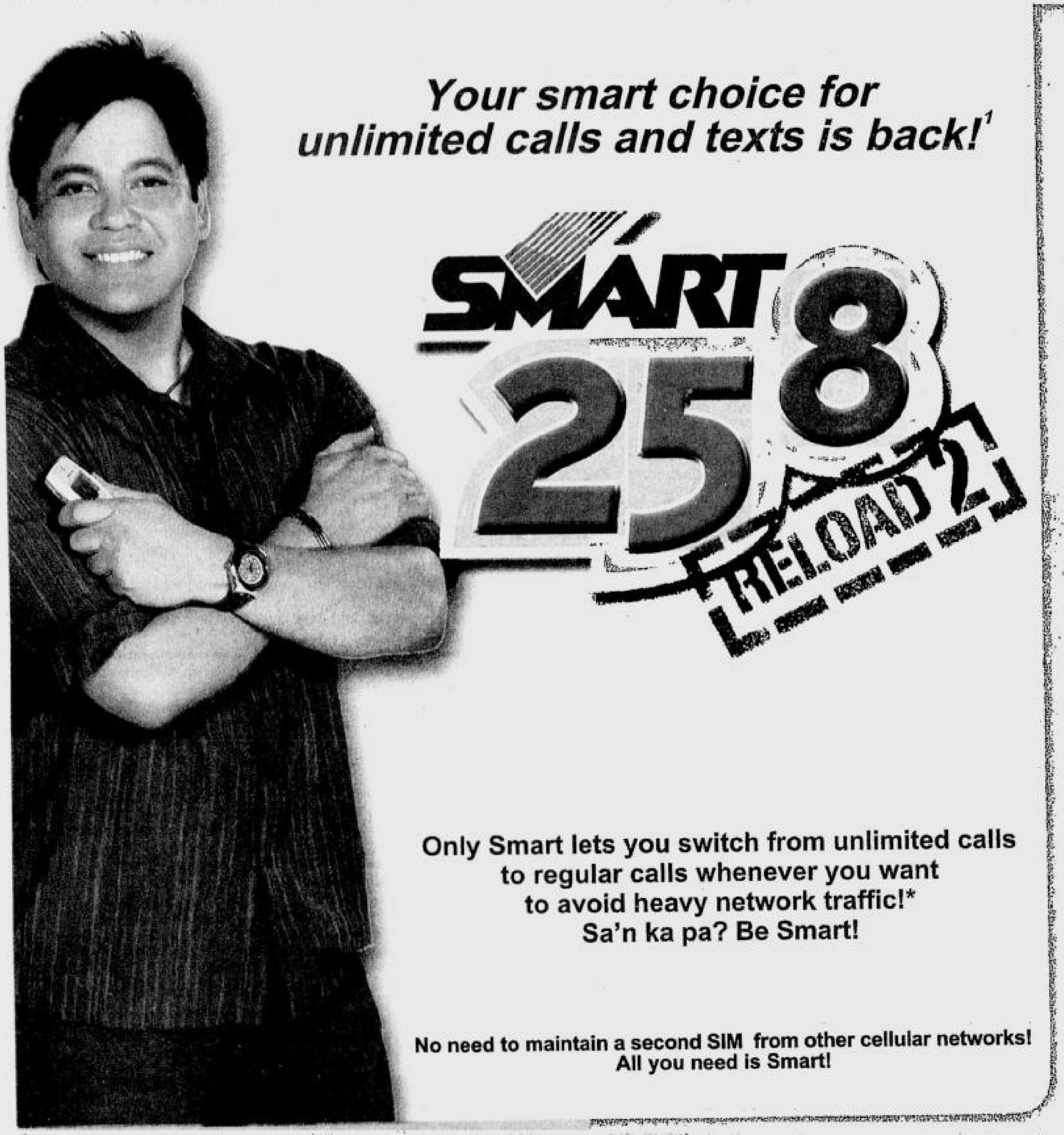

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# Gang making fake coffee, soap busted

**By Tina G. Santos**

DOES your coffee taste bad? It may be fake.

The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) has dismantled a counterfeiting ring run by Chinese nationals in Zamboanga City.

Lawyer Jose Justo Yap, chief of the NBI Intellectual Property Rights Division (IPRD), said the syndicate manufactured fake coffee and toiletry products of known brands.

Yap said the raid on the group's warehouse in Bangayan Compound, Veterans Avenue, Zamboanga City, led to the arrest of three suspects.

The NBI identified the suspects as Huang Jianquian, with aliases Harry Uy and Harry Wee; Huang Shuyuan, alias Suanna Uy, and Li Zhongsheng, all of Gen. Vicente Alvarez, Zamboanga City.

Armed with search warrants issued by Manila Regional Trial Court Executive Judge Antonio Eugenio Jr. and Zamboanga RTC Judge Peter Eisma, the NBI agents raided the suspects' lair and seized counterfeit Nescafé coffee products, Close-Up toothpaste and Tide all-purpose detergent worth some P1.5 million.

The raid came after Nestlé Phils. Inc., Procter and Gamble Phils. and Unilever Phils., the legitimate manufacturers of Nescafé, Close-Up and Tide, complained of the proliferation of fake brand goods.

Yap said charges had been filed against the suspects for violating the Intellectual Property Code.

Meanwhile, NBI agents seized some P300,000 worth of fake Reno liver spread from some leading supermarkets in Metro Manila and nearby provinces.

Yap said the dealers of Reno Foods Inc., the legitimate maker of the spread, noticed lower sales in recent months, prompting them to seek the help of the NBI.

NBI probers collected samples of the spread, which they bought from the supermarkets, and found that many of these were fake.

"The complainant detected differences in the labels of the original and the fake goods," Yap said.

He added that the owners and proprietors of the supermarkets may be charged for violating the Intellectual Property Code and trademark infringement.

# Courtroom thief answers to street justice

**By Nancy C. Carvajal**

THE TIMELY intervention of policemen saved the life of a theft suspect who allegedly stole the wallet of a courtroom employee at the Caloocan City Hall of Justice on Friday.

Police, led by Senior Insp. Rodrigo Soriano, stopped a mob from meting out street justice on Dennis Alfonso, 26, who ended up black and blue from injuries inflicted by a mob.

According to the police, Alfonso, of 142 Marcelo Street, Caloocan City, and a member of the "Bahala Na Gang," went into the office of the Regional Trial Court Branch 122 at about 5 p.m. and took the wallet of Edwin Carpio, the branch stenographer.

However, Carpio saw him and shouted for help as the suspect ran out of the office and onto the street.

Angry Hall of Justice employees and bystanders ran after Alfonso whom they caught two streets away.

The mob then ganged up on him until police from the nearby City Hall detachment arrived to intervene.

Alfonso, whom police said had previously spent two years in jail for theft, yielded Carpio's wallet.

Police said employees were furious because many of them had been victims of previous thefts at the Hall of Justice.

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# TNT, San Miguel face weary rivals

**GAMES TODAY (Araneta Coliseum)**
4:15 p.m.--Talk 'N Text vs Shell
6:35 p.m.--San Miguel Beer vs Red Bull

**WITH fresh legs and tons of rest, Talk 'N Text and San Miguel Beer begin their quest for final slots against a pair of playoff-exhausted opponents at the start of the Gran Matador PBA Fiesta Conference semifinals today at the Araneta Coliseum.**

The Phone Pals, who emerged the top seed after the eliminations, will be coming off a three-week break when they face the Shell Turbochargers in Game 1 of their best-of-five semifinal series at 4:15 p.m.

The Beermen, ranked second in the eliminations after surviving a one-game playoff against Alaska, tackle at 6:35 p.m. a Red Bull squad that played for three straight days to topple the third-seeded Aces in the quarters.

The Turbochargers rose from the depths after pulling off one reversal after the other in the wildcard round and the quarterfinals to earn a return ticket against the same team that eliminated them in the semis last conference.

After overcoming Sta. Lucia Realty's twice-to-beat advantage, coach Leo Austria and the ninth-ranked Turbochargers slammed the semifinal door on the Purefoods TJ Hotdogs by winning the decider of their best-of-three quarterfinal affair.

"Other than seeking revenge against Talk N Text, we also want to prove that Shell really belongs in this league," said Austria, reacting to rumors that the franchise is up for sale.

Shell officials had denied the allegations, however.

The Phone Pals will continue to miss Asi Taulava, whose request for reinstatement following a favorable decision by an appellate court was thumbed down by league according to a reliable source.

"We kept ourselves in shape during the break," said Talk 'N Text coach Joel Banal yesterday. "I hope we could continue the same intensity when we grabbed the No. 1 seat going into the semifinals."

The Phone Pals are fresh from a pair of tuneup games, which they both lost, against the Sydney Kings in Australia.

In the Fiesta Cup last year, San Miguel seized the No. 1 ranking after the eliminations but was booted out in the playoffs despite sporting a twice-to-beat incentive.

"It was a different format then. This is a series, meaning a team will have enough time to adjust and recover from a setback," said San Miguel Beer coach Jong Uichico.

Danny Seigle, who twisted an ankle in the preliminary round, is expected to rejoin the Beermen.

"I hope a day's rest will give us enough time to recover from that grueling series. And just like against Alaska, it will be again a question of who can defend better," said Red Bull coach Yeng Guiao.

*June Navarro*

# SEAG venues ready—Ramirez

**By Marc Anthony Reyes**

PHILIPPINE Sports Commission chair Butch Ramirez yesterday said repairs and refurbishing jobs of government-owned facilities to be used for the coming Southeast Asian Games are going ahead of schedule.

Most of them are actually ready, except for a few in Bacolod City and the old Rizal Memorial Sports Complex, which Ramirez guaranteed will be completed way ahead of the start of the Games set Nov. 27-Dec. 5.

The former PSC officer-in-charge conducted ocular inspections of the satellite venues in Bacolod last week and will fly to Cebu in the next few days to check on the venues there.

Ramirez said that the government was able to save time and money by repairing existing venues instead of building new ones.

Of the venues in Bacolod, the Paglaum Sports Center, where men's football will be held, needs extensive repairs. Paglaum is expected to use up P30 million of the P100 million budget the city is asking to hold a total of five events, the others being boxing, beach volleyball, indoor volleyball and weightlifting.

Cebu will host seven events—judo, taekwondo, karatedo, *sepak takraw*, pencak *silat*, dancesports and cycling.

"The impression I am getting is that the venues outside Metro Manila and the local government's preparation are going smoothly," said Ramirez, who used to be part of the Philippine SEAG Organizing Committee.

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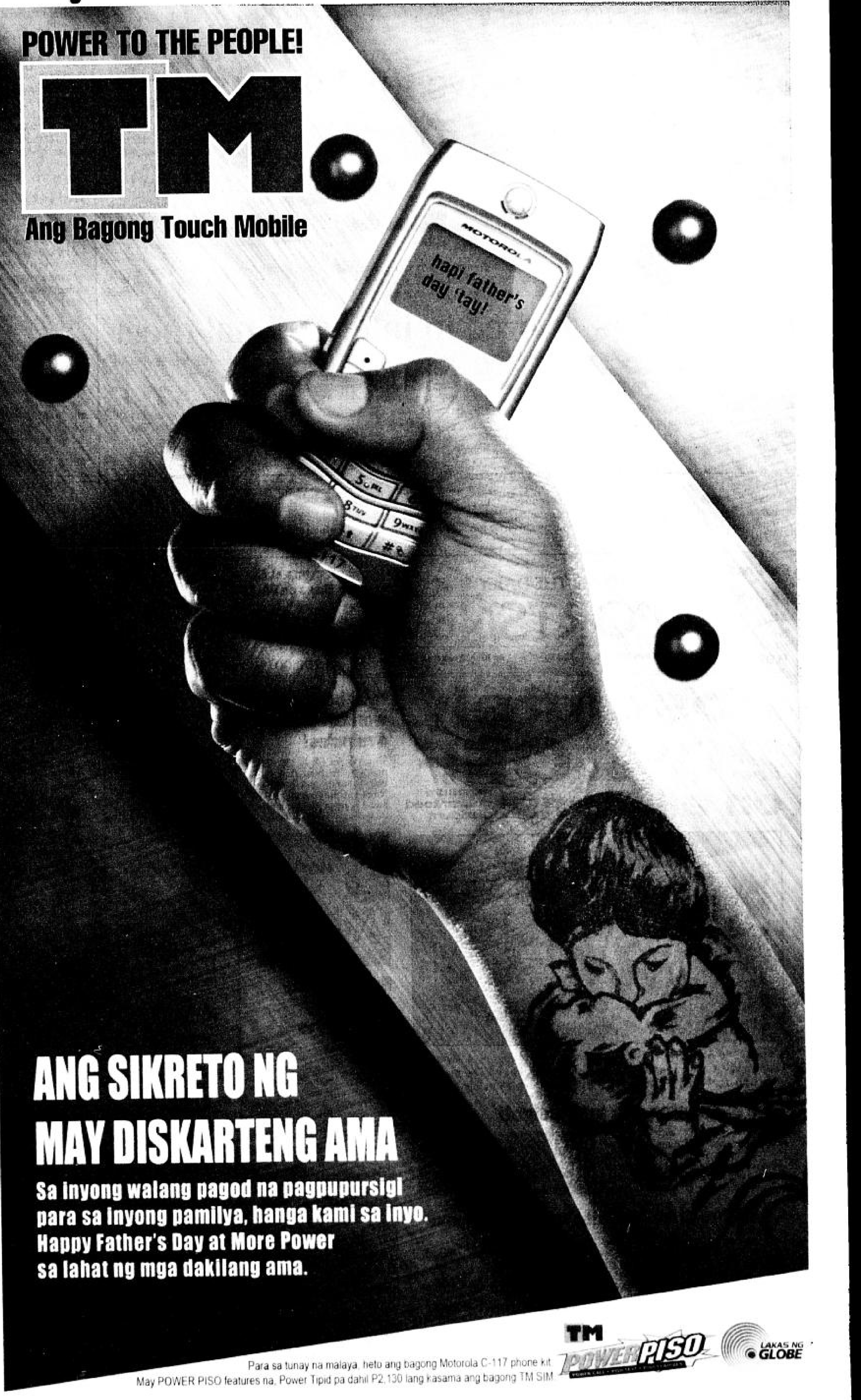
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# Bobby Pacquiao kayoes foe, clinches WBC title

**V-LEAGUE VOLLEYBALL**
Lorraine Zapata (left) and Kate Co Yu Kang of UST block an FEU spiker in yesterday's Shakey's V League volleyball tournament (story on Page A 29). RYAN LIM

**BOBBY Pacquiao finally moved out of the shadow of his more illustrious brother, winning the WBC Continental Americas super featherweight crown by knocking out Carlos Navarro yesterday at the Table Mountain Casino in Friant, California.**

The younger brother of Ring Magazine featherweight champion Manny Pacquiao put the reigning champion away after the second of two knockdowns that sent Navarro down to his knees in the seventh round.

Pacquiao, the reigning RP super featherweight champ, started slowly but stepped up his attack after a shot to the body in the sixth sent Navarro down.

The southpaw Navarro owns a knockout win over Agapito Sanchez, who had fought Manny Pacquiao to a draw in 2001.

Bobby Pacquiao, who was fighting in the US for the second time, attributed his win to having trained superbly at the famed ALA gym in Cebu City.

Prior to his showdown with Navarro, Pacquiao had sparred against top ALA gym fighters like WBF champ Dindo Castañares, RP junior welter champ Bart Abapo, OPBF titlist Randy Suico, RP welter champ Dondon Sultan, and WBO Asia Pacific bantam king Rey Bautista.

The win improved Pacquiao's record to 25-11-3, 11 KO's, while Navarro fell to 26-4-1, 21 KO's.

*Salven L. Lagumbay, contributor*

# RP cagebelles leave for Fiba-Asia tilt

THE RP Women's Team left yesterday for Qinhuangdao, China, to compete in the 21st Fiba-Asia Basketball Championship for Women set June 19 to 26.

This was the first trip approved under the helm of new BAP president Jose Lina, who sees the event as a good tune-up for the RP Women's team honing up for the 23rd Southeast Asian Games this November.

"We're not expecting the team to win in this tournament, but playing against the top tough teams of Asia will be a good learning experience," said Lina, who was recently acknowledged by Fiba Asia as BAP president.

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"The trip is part of our commitment to Fiba-Asia, and we have to fulfill that international commitment, added Lina. "We see this as a first step in revitalizing the programs of the BAP and come up with more competitive national teams."

The National Women's Team will be playing in Level II against Malaysia, India, Singapore, Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka, Syria, Lebanon and Korea.

The Team, mentored by Raymond Celis, is composed of Estrellita Enriquez, Charmaine Salalila, Sheila Esteban, Matilde Carreon, Eli Lizondra, Marsha Faustino, Paula Lontok, April Mae Lualhati, Aurora Adriano, Katrina Nido, Divina Reyes, and Cristina Madridano.

"We're not expecting much but we'll try our best to make it into the top five," said Coach Celis. "This will be a good tune-up to further enhance their skills and prepare them better for the SEA GAmes.

Competing in Level I of the tournament organized by Fiba-Asia are China, Japan, Korea, Chinese Taipei and Thailand.

# Revtex riders favored in international meet

MULTI-TITLED riders Glenn Aguilar, Kenneth San Andres and Bebet dela Cruz will try to extend Revtex's dominance to Bacolod City, which hosts the Camel Supercross International Championship today, Father's Day.

The Revtex trio is coming off several swashbuckling shows in Bicol, Sarangani and even during the 1st leg of the Camel Supercross in Iloilo City.

The Bacolod stop of the event, organized by the National Motorcycle Sports and Safety (NAMSSA), will give the Revtex stars the opportunity to fortify their status as the country's top motocross team.

"The world-class Revtex oil that the team uses, has got a lot to do about this because of our smooth rides in practically all tournaments, where we showed the stuff that we're made of," said Aguilar, who leads the Pro Open and Pro 125 categories of the NAMSSA-National Motocross Championships.

Ohtsuka and Robinson won't be around in Bacolod City, but Chaiyan Romphan, Thailand's No. 1 motocross rider, will be around.

Aguilar and Dela Cruz are coming off a masterful 1-2 finish in the Pro 125 division of the Sarangani Motocross Challenge. Earlier, the two likewise topped the 1st Gov. Lray Villafuerte Invitational Motocross at the Capitol Complex, Cadlan, Pili, Camarines Sur, with the Revtex Rocket topping the premier Pro 125 and Dela Cruz ruling the Pro 250.

San Andres and his father-coach Jun-Jun followed suit by winning the Expert Open Production and Veterans' divisions, respectively.

Aguilar is also supported by Bridgestone, Sidi Boots, Renthal, Oakley, Flamboyant Construction, HJC Helmets, Sea Palace Restaurant, GCG Pipes and Pro Grip. San Andres is also backed by Oakley, KTM, Bridgestone, HJC Helmet, Renthal, Alpine Star, UFO, JBS Motorcycle Shop and GCG Pipes.

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# RGFFP tourney Aug. 25

ROTARY Club of Davao North will host the 19th RGFFP (Rotary Golfing Fellowship Foundation of the Philippines) southern leg golf tournament at the Apo Golf and Country Club and Palos Verdes GCC courses on Aug. 25-27.

Dan Briones of the host club and RC Marina's Milton Liu finalized the arrangement in a recent meeting with RGFFP officials Nonoy Braga and Albert Que.

Tournament fee is P2,900 payable on or before Aug. 19. This includes green fee and free practice round for both courses, four cocktail/dinner events, giveaways, raffle items and prizes.

The organizers are negotiating a special discount and a sponsorship with Philippine Airlines. Hotel discounts will be announced later.

The defending champions are RC Bagumbayan-Manila (team) and Rotarian Joey Magcalayo of RC Lipa (individual).

For details, contact RGFFP Secretariat's Pauline Sevilla (0920-9199000) or Leah Grubat (0920-9087635) at tel. no. 7212667, local 110 or e-mail rgffp@yahoo.com or fax 7215940.

## SPORTSWATCH

### Lorona, Danggod capture WBE titles

FILIPINOS Baby Lorona Jr. and Celso Danggod occupied the vacant world titles in the World Boxing Empire (WBE). The Quezon City-based Lorona scored a 3rd round technical knockout over Darathai Sitoh to become the first WBE junior lightweight titlist in the main event of "Bakbakan sa Antipolo" card of Gabriel "Bebot" Elorde Jr. and Gov. Casimiro Ynares of Rizal late Friday night at the Ynares Center in Antipolo City. Danggod, a brawler from Muntinlupa city, earned a unanimous decision victory over Sukarno "Master Showman" in their 12-round bout. The judges saw it 114-113, 116-111 and 118-112 all in favor of Danggod, who improved to 34-21-13 with 12 KOs.

### 2 RP boxers join Asian Junior tilt

A TWO-MAN Philippine Boxing team left for Pakistan yesterday to fulfill a commitment to participate in the Asian Junior Boxing Championships. With coach Elmer Pamisa at the helm, light flyweight Jay-R Quiam and lightweight Anthony Marcial will slug it out against the best boxers from the region aged 19 years and below on June 20 to 25.

"We are committed to participate in this event, the Philippines in general and the Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines in particular," said ABAP president Manny Lopez.

### Fistorama features Pacquiao-Suico bout

SAMSUNG'S Fistorama features this afternoon two exciting fights in the light flyweight and flyweight divisions. Newcomers Manny Pacquiao and Apol Suico mix it up in a four-round slugfest at 108 lbs. Gerry Lota tangles with Charles Delada in six rounds at 112 lbs. The bouts were held recently at the New Gallera de Mandaue in Cebu in a fight card promoted by Rex "Wakee" Salud and is shown worldwide through ABS-CBN Global's The Filipino Channel/Pinoy Central TV. Samsung's Fistorama supported by Samsung, Tanduay, PCSO and Mapecon is aired nationwide at 4 p.m., Sundays on RPN-9. "Golf Power Plus," featuring the elimination round of the Cantada Sports Collegiate Women's Beach Volleyball Challenge airs at 3 p.m.

### Nokia golf winds up elims at MGC

THE NOKIA intervillage golf series winds up its two-month long eliminations with the staging of the central sector tournament tomorrow at the Manila Golf Club inside Forbes Park. With Brixton Aw and skipper Emil Alviar Jr. firing 40 points each, Magallanes showed the way with a 306 after 18 holes of the event exclusively for villages in Makati and Mandaluyong at The Riviera last month. Aw and Alviar are again expected to lead Magallanes' bid for a berth in the grand finals along with Archie Rubio, Joseph Alviar, Mike Alviar, Boy Tolentino, Porfirio Alviar and Tino Tolentino. The top three placers after 36 holes will join the top finishers in the three other sectoral tournaments—east, south and north.

### Top local netters challenge Nationals

THE PHILIPPINE Tennis Association finalizes its preparation for the country's coming Davis Cup relegation tie with Lebanon this week with a Philta Invitational Challenge pitting the Nationals against top local netters at the Ynares Socio-Cultural Sports center in Pasig City. Davis Cuppers Patrick John Tierro, Johnny Arcilla, Joseph Victorino and Rolando Ruel Jr. will be joined in the five-day tourney starting tomorrow by Chiemel Mantua, Adelo Abadia, Ralph Kevin Barte and Michael Adrian Basco in the quest for the P30,000 top purse. The Philippines is slated to meet Lebanon on July 15 to 17 in a best-of-five matches relegation tie.

### Streetball Challenge Visayas finals on

SURVIVORS of adidas Streetball Challenge's regional eliminations in Iloilo, Bacolod and Cebu slug it out in the Visayas finals today at SM Cebu with berths in the national championships at stake. University of San Agustin leads the field with its Team Amaze and Team Galeno, winners of the seniors and girls divisions, respectively in the Iloilo leg. Team Argentina of West Negros College and Team Galaxy of Bgy. Zone 12-A banner the Bacolod contingent. In the Cebu elims, Team Glide of University of San Carlos whipped Team Garvite of Bgy. Tisa Labangon, 15-4, to rule the girls category and join the other qualifiers from Bacolod and Iloilo in the regional finals today.

### Alvarez takes Asian Karting Open crown

JOHN Alvarez of Team CRG, who is backed by Paramount Insurance and Castrol, ruled the Cadet 60 Class of the 2005 Asian Karting Open Championship at the Carmona Circuit last weekend. The 11-year-old Alvarez, who posted the fastest lap time of 54.90 during the pre final, got caught up with a back marker to finish in second place but struck when it counted most - in the 15 lap final where he led from start to finish. "It was a really an exciting race," said Alvarez. "I had engine problems before the race but my mechanics did a very good job on my kart. It was really fun to fight for first place with the others who are really good." "He has really improved a lot since last year," said JP Tuason, president of Philippine International Karting Association who presented the awards after the race.

### Danding joins Super Special 6-cocker

THREE powerhouse entries will be fielded by former ambassador Danding Cojuangco in the "NCA Super Special 6 – Cock Derby" on June 23 at the Araneta Coliseum. Cojuangco's chief handler, popular American breeder Richard Bates said ECJ Gamefarms' derby aces (at least five times winner ) were intentionally not fielded in the 2005 World Slasher Cup but will be used in the NCA Special. In 2003, Cojuangco's Binangonan Balbina also handled by Bates emerged solo champion in the UCAP Special 6 - Cock Derby. Also battle -ready is the San Juan Coliseum Group headed by 330 K Big Event champion Dicky Lim, the Team Sagupaan GCAP of sabong idol Patrick Antonio, Benjie Lim, Pol Estrellado and Rep. Butch Pichay, Firefly Team of Georgie Antonio and Binangonan Group of Gov. Ito Ynares.

### Submission of weights for Makati cockfest

SUBMISSION of entries for Makati Coliseum's "Happy Gamefarm 4- Cock Derby" will be held from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. today. More than 70 fights will be staged tomorrow. Seeing action are cockers and breeders from Metro Manila, Cavite, Batangas, Laguna, Negros Occidental, Pangasinan, Pampanga, Ilocos and Bulacan. FTE Happy Gamefarm Group will host the event in cooperation with promoters Lito Orillaza, Rudy Salud and William Co of Winning Time Jobo Sports and Gaming Corporation. For information, contact 896 –3545 or 895 –6475. Meanwhile, the WTJ Group will also host another 4- cock derby on June 27.

### Pasig Square Garden hosts derby

ALL roads lead to the Pasig Square Garden ( Santolan Road, Pasig City ) tomorrow when the "MCA Grand Championship 5- Cock Derby" unfolds with more than 60 fights scheduled. The Metro Cockers Association ( MCA ) is presenting the event in cooperation with the PSG management headed by lawyer Gildo Capucchino. Derby hosts are G. Acop, Totong Melendres, Rolly Bautista and Edgar Coronel. Leading the race after seven derbies are partners Edgar Coronel and Rizal breeder Boy Jiao, the National Cockers Association ( NCA) Stagfighter of the Year in 2004.

**REALITY COMBAT:** Alvin Aguilar, (left) organizer of the Universal Reality Combat Championship (URCC), shakes hand with Lucas Pasilao, COO of Solar Entertainment Corp., to seal the deal making Solar the producer of URCC 6 Unleashed Fury slated June 25 at the Casino Ampitheater in Parañaque. Call 9115555.

# Mandaue dribblers debut vs Valencia in NBC tonight

MANDAUE CITY—The Hapee/Dewfoam-backed Mantawi Sparkling Nights make their debut in the 2005 Panasonic-NBC national basketball championship today when they face Valencia Golden Harvest at 6 p.m. at the Cultural and Sports Complex here.

The Sparkling Nights will be led by Ardy Larong, Ronald Capati and Reed Juntilla, who are all fresh from their PBL stints, and playmaker Maui Huelar, formerly of MBA's Negros Slashers and defending NBC champion Tribu Sugbu.

Completing Mantawi's lineup are Marvin Tundag, Mark Moreno, Christian Antiporda, Christopher Carrestas, Michael Sereno, Jeffrey Bajenting, June Ace Ursal, Aries Gloria, Jeffrey France and Noel Balili.

Mantawi is the eighth team in the Southern Conference of the tourney supported by Panasonic, Sulpicio Lines, Cebu Pacific, Spring Cooking Oil, Accel, Molten, Far Eastern Insurance, Nature's Spring, Skygo Motorcycles, Sirlitz Solutions Provider, Hapee Toothpaste, Dewfoam Corp., Ping Ping Lechon, Bayview Park Hotel and Holiday Plaza-Cebu.

Huelar played two games with Tribu before transferring to Mantawi, which is the Visayan name of this city.

The Sparkling Nights are expected to have their hands full against the dangerous Golden Harvest of Mayor Galario Jr., who are playing Tribu Sugbu at presstime last night.

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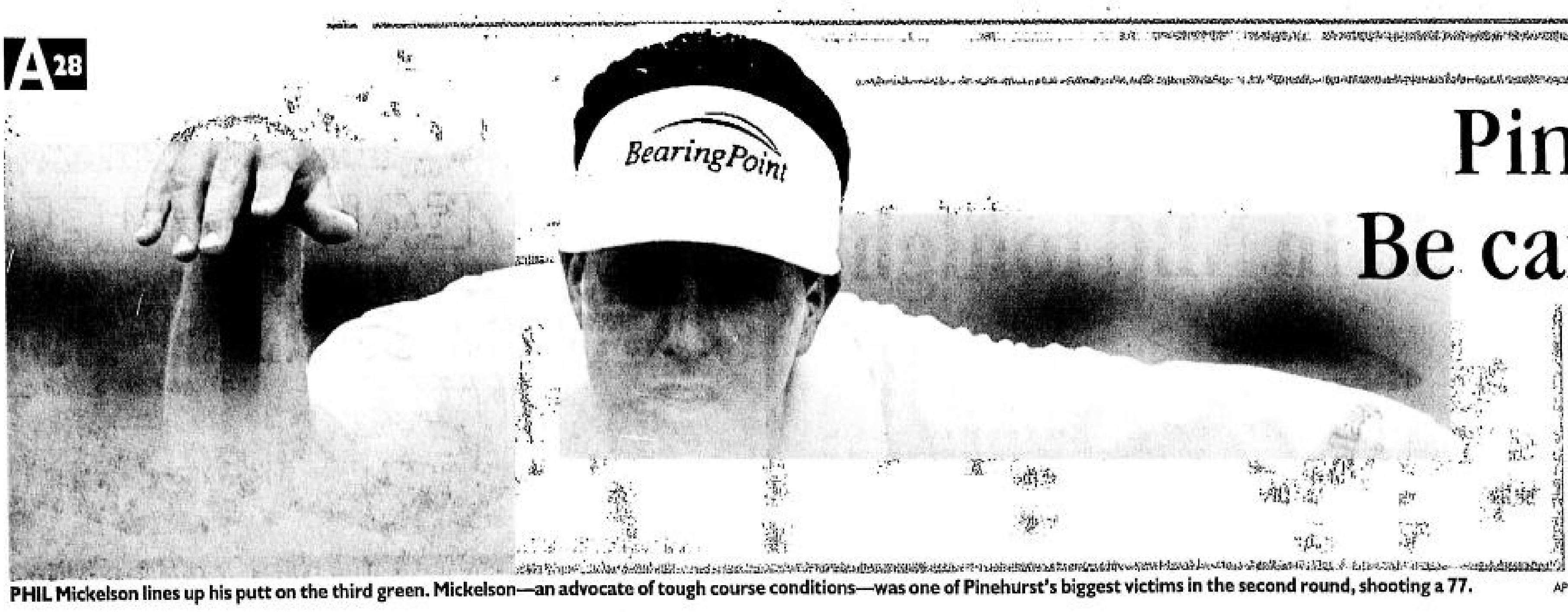


PHIL Mickelson lines up his putt on the third green. Mickelson—an advocate of tough course conditions—was one of Pinehurst's biggest victims in the second round, shooting a 77. AP

## US OPEN 'HORROR SHOW'

# Goosen grabs share of lead

**PINEHURST, North Carolina—Defending champion Retief Goosen was among five players who escaped with only minimal damage and remained under par at a US Open which turned into a horror show for some of the world's best golfers on Friday.**

Goosen looked unflappable and unstoppable as ever until the slightest misses led to two bogeys in his final two holes, giving him an even-par 70 and a share of the lead with Olin Browne and Jason Gore.

They were at 2-under 138, the highest 36-hole score in nine years, with no guarantees they would stay up there long. Mark Hensby and KJ Choi were one shot behind.

"This course will whip your butt, plain and simple, every single shot," Browne said after he steadied himself from a bunker-to-bunker double bogey.

One by one, Pinehurst No. 2 course picked off anyone who tried to get hold of this championship.

First it was Phil Mickelson, who missed five putts inside 10 feet while shooting 41 on his front nine, winding up with his highest round in the US Open—7-over 77—in 11 years.

Then came Tiger Woods, so frustrated that he scraped up the grass on the ninth green after leaving another putt short, drawing a mild reprimand from the US Golf Association over etiquette.

No one suffered quite like David Toms, who was in the lead by himself until dropping five shots over the final two holes, finishing with a triple bogey when he took two shots to get up the steep slope on the ninth green. A potential 67 turned into a 72, and he went from the lead to four shots behind.

Now they get two more days to see who survives this wide-open Open, where two dozen players were within five shots of the lead going into the weekend.

The idea is not to make a move, but to stay put.

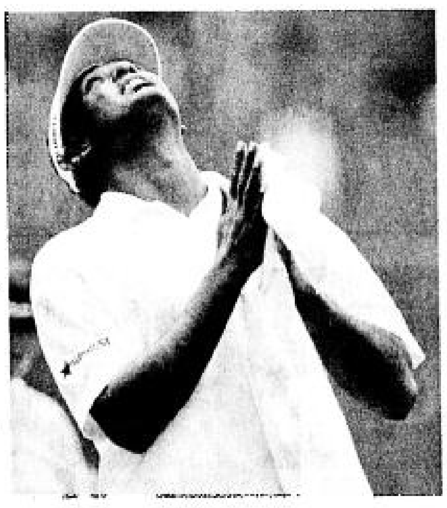
"If I finish even par for the tournament, I would win by more than one, I think," Sergio Garcia said after a 69 that left him at even-par 140, along with Vijay Singh (70), Michael Campbell (69) and Lee Westwood (72).

For the second straight day, the guy who played the best under the most severe conditions was someone no one expected, let alone recognized.

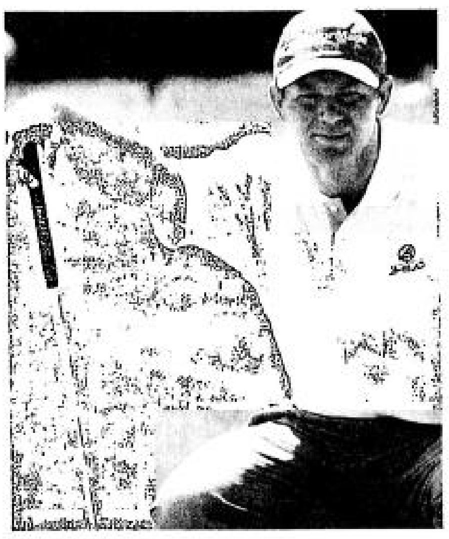
Gore, who has spent only two years on the US PGA Tour and hasn't even had a top 10 on the minor US Nationwide Tour this year, looked rock solid by playing his final 12 holes in 2-under and shooting a 67. The only score better came from Peter Hedblom, a Swede whose 66 under overcast skies in the morning was the best ever at Pinehurst in a US Open.

Browne, who hasn't been a full US PGA Tour member since 2003, held it together nicely considering his debacle at the par-3 sixth. He went from the front bunker to the back bunker, then past the pin and down the slope off the green. After a safe chip to 25 feet, he holed the putt for double bogey, finished with pars, and shot 71.

The 46-year-old Browne has never been in this position, and he's trying not to notice.



SINGH: Even par. REUTERS



GOOSEN: Minimal damage AP

"If you get worried about the stage, you've got problems," Browne said. "This particular stage will hammer you."

No one was surprised to see Goosen atop the leaderboard.

He already has captured the US Open twice in the last four years, making it look all so methodical with his cool demeanor and unshakeable ability to make putts.

The South African might have been the only one among those under par who left Pinehurst disappointed.

He missed the fifth green with a 9-iron to take bogey, then watched another 9-iron on No. 7 trickle off the edge into a sandy patch of ground just above the bunker, leading to another bogey.

"If you don't hit the ball properly, you're in trouble," Goosen said. "I felt I could finish 4 or 5 under. With short irons like that, you shouldn't miss the green."

Mickelson learned the hard way. Starting the day just two shots out of the lead and playing in the morning, when overcast skies and cooler conditions made Pinehurst more playable, Mickelson produced only half of his short-game wizardry. He could chip, he just couldn't putt.

Mickelson's 77 was his highest score in the US Open since a 79 on the final day at Oakmont in 1994, and he was eight shots out of the lead.

"The more you try to make birdies, the more bogeys you're going to make," he said. "I was just trying to salvage pars, and had a tough time doing it."

Woods started with two birdies on the first four holes, but it wasn't long before he ran into problems with the pace of the greens—a three-putt on No. 6, and another one on the ninth, which ran some 12 feet by the cup. When the par putt came up short, he dragged his putter across the green and scuffed up the line.

"I think Jack Nicklaus said it best," Browne said. "The Open chooses you, you don't choose it."

Right now, Pinehurst isn't particularly fond of anyone. *AP*

WOODS: Frustrated. AFP

# Pinehurst
# Be careful wh

PINEHURST, North Carolina—Phil Mickelson lobbied all week to make a tough US Open golf course even tougher, stopping just short of daring the US Golf Association to plop down windmills and clown's-mouth cutouts on the greens.

On Friday, Mother Nature took over the course setup duties from the guys in blue blazers and reminded the left-hander to be careful what you wish for.

"It was very fair," Mickelson said, carefully choosing his words, "if you played well. You could get off to a quick start, especially the front nine. I didn't quite do that.

"But," he said again a moment later, "it was right there if you hit the right shots."

Suffice it to say that Mickelson didn't—not off the tees, from the fairways and especially on the greens. He hit just eight of 15 fairways, eight of 18 greens; and didn't make even one putt longer than 8 feet.

He started on the back nine and made back-to-back bogeys at Nos. 12 and 13, a cruel preview of the four straight Mickelson made to close out his first

# Caddies
# yielding

THE LONG-TERM National Caddies Open program has started to bear fruit with its initial discoveries chalking up one championship and several runner-up finishes in prestigious tournaments in a four-month span.

Joseph Labajo won the tough first Calatagan Amateur Open two months ago, beating older brother Mario and Matthew Manotoc in a gripping playoff.

The Labajo brothers and Manotoc came from behind to end up tied after the end of regulation play as they showed up a field that included hotshots Juvic Pagunsan, Boyet Saragoza, Jay Bayron and reigning RP Amateur champion Jun Bernis.

Mario Labajo, a stocky 35-year-old who carried bags at the nine-hole Matina course in Davao, then finished three shots behind

# *Rosales trails by 6*

PITTSFORD, New York—Budding Mexican star Lorena Ochoa hit a 3-under 69 to surge past Becky Morgan and into the second-round lead at the Rochester LPGA on Friday.

Filipina Jenny Rosales shot a 70 for a 142 that kept her in a tie for eith to 10th places, six strokes off the lead.

Ochoa, who began the day three shots behind Morgan, finished her round in a steady rain and was at 8-under 136.

Morgan, who had a sizzling 8-under 64 on Thursday under rainy skies, faltered late and shot a 74 to tie Maria Hjorth (68) for second at 138.

U.S. rookie Paula Creamer, who finished the first round with back-to-back bogeys after developing a twinge in her left wrist, followed her opening 71 with a 68 and was alone in fourth, another shot back.

Mi Hyun Kim (66) was at 140, Gloria Park (70) and Se Ri Pak (71) were bunched at 141, while Hilary Lunke (73), Laura Davies (71) were clustered with Rosales at 142. *AP*

# King, Coo top Euromed tournament

FILIPINO Chester King put on a strong challenge to upset top seed Hsiao Chin Liang of Chinese Taipei for the Men's Open Masters title in the 34th PBC-Euromed International Open at the Pearl Bowling Center in Parañaque City yesterday.

Playing true to form, the 29-year-old King won the first match, 232-180, to force the sudden-death match which he also took, 210-192.

"I'm happy for this victory," said King after winning his second straight title this year. The 2002 Asian FIQ doubles gold medalist won the Euromed-Storm International Masters two months ago at the same venue.

Edward Coo, eldest son of 4-time world champion Bong Coo, bowled a 12-game series of 2397 to win the men's Graded Masters. This is Coo's first major title, earning him P90,000.

King earned P150,000 while Hsiao Chin Liang got P75,000 in this event organized by the Philippine Bowling Congress and sanctioned by the Asian Bowling Federation.

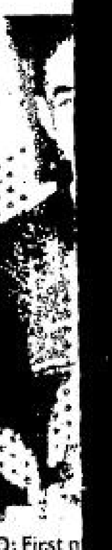
In the Ladies Masters division, Taiwanese Tsai Hsin Yin stunned top-ranked compatriot Wang Yu Ling for the title.

The 37-year-old Tsai beat Wang in the first match, 197-183, and won the second match, 256-223, to claim the P100,000 top prize. Wang received P50,000.

Meanwhile, the top 16 men and women in the PBC-Euromed tournament have qualified for the ABF Tour Philippine leg slated this weekend at the Playdium in Quezon City.

Seeing action in the two-day event are Taiwanese C.S. Cheng, C.L. Hsiao and T.Y. Tsai of Chinese Taipei; Surasak Manuwong, Yannaphon Larpapharat and Kritchawat Japakhao of Thailand; Singaporean Remy Ong, Hongkong's Wu Siu Hong; United Arab Emirates' Shaker Al-Hassan and Hamad Mohd Al-majidi; and Filipinos Markwin Tee, Chester King, Biboy Rivera, Kim Young Pil, Joonee Gatchalian and Paeng Nepomuceno in the men's division.

Participants in the ladies division are Taiwanese Y.L. Wang, Y.C. Chu, Y.T. Wang, H.Y. Tsai and T.F. Huang; Malaysians Lai Kin Ngoh, Wendy Chai, Tang Joh Six, Choy Poh Lai, Siti Safiyah, Sarah Yap and Shalin Zulkifli; Singaporean Jennifer Tan and locals Irene Benitez, Cecilia Yap and Jojo Cañare.



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GLENN Aguilar (front motorcycle) leads the list of participants.

# Camel celebrates dad's day

ANOTHER action-packed weekend awaits local motocross fans when the 2005 Camel Supercross International Championship Series finally comes off the wraps on Father's Day at the Talisay City Stadium in Talisay City, Negros Occidental.

Eight-time national champion Glenn Aguilar and top Asian rider Chaiyan Romphan of Thailand head the list of participants in the prestigious event being organized by the National Motorcycle Sports and Safety Association (NAMSSA) in cooperation with Camel for the second straight month.

Aguilar and Romphan will test each other's mettle in the centerpiece Camel pro open category.

"We expect another tight battle in Talisay especially with the Thai rider in the starting grid this weekend," said NAMSSA managing director Macky Carapiet, who also lauded the all-out support of Talisay City Mayor Anthony Lizares.

For inquiries, call/text NAMSSA at cell 0917-8479785 or email at namssa01@hotmail.com

# Old college rival makes Duncan look o

AUBURN HILLS, Michigan—The battles between San Antonio's Tim Duncan and Detroit's Rasheed Wallace date to their days at rival universities, when they were just starting down the path that has led them to these NBA Finals.

They faced each other for two years in college—at Wake Forest and North Carolina respectively—and now for eight years in the pros, giving Wallace hundreds of minutes of firsthand experience learning the ins and outs of Duncan's game. That inside information has helped the forward with the scruffier beard make the two-time finals MVP look almost ordinary.

"You can go back and look at the films. It was definitely some great battles," Wallace recalled on Friday while basking in the glow of another superior defensive effort on Duncan as the Detroit Pistons evened the best-of-seven NBA Finals against the San Antonio Spurs at two games each.

Duncan shot just 5-for-17 on Thursday while being guarded at different times by Rasheed Wallace, Ben Wallace and Antonio McDyess. And Duncan's inability to generate any kind of offensive consistency was one of the key factors in the Spurs getting trounced by 31 points against a team they handled with ease in Games 1 and 2.

Game 5 is on Sunday, the complexion of the series having done a complete flip-flop over the course a few days. The Pistons have pumped up the defensive intensity they've become known for, making the series more physical while routing the Spurs twice.

"We knew it was going to be very hard here. What we didn't know was that it was going to be so hard, because they are really killing us," said Spurs guard Manu Ginobili.

All the momentum has swung to the team whose versatility, length and intensity have overwhelmed the Spurs while making the prospect of a second straight championship in Detroit look a whole lot brighter than it did when the week began.

"We're close. We're licking our chops," Detroit guard Richard Hamilton said.

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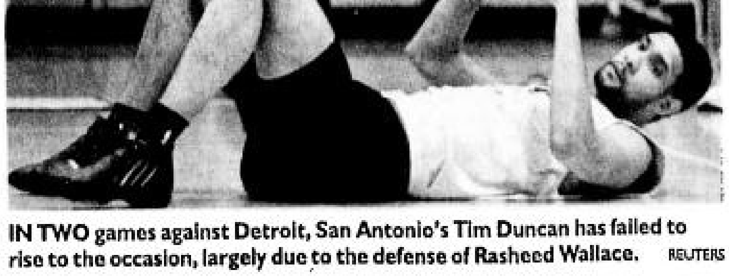

IN TWO games against Detroit, San Antonio's Tim Duncan has failed to rise to the occasion, largely due to the defense of Rasheed Wallace. REUTERS

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# 2 to Mickelson: at you wish for

nine holes.

The 7-over 77 scorecard he signed left him eight shots out of the lead at the halfway point. It also marked Mickelson's worst round at the Open since 1994, when he shot 79 on the final day.

It was only his second season as a pro, and back then no one would have imagined that the supremely talented kid with the easy smile was tying the first few knots in a string of major championships failures that would haunt him for the next 10 years until he won the Masters last year.

Friday's disaster was also unexpected. Mickelson has added both a swing and short-game coach and they do the scouting work before major championships with military precision.

Nine-hour practice rounds became par for the Pinehurst No. 2 course for Team Mickelson. Like everyone else, they knew the inverted, bowl-shaped greens would kick approach shots into some treacherous lies.

But they went to the trouble of simulating just about every one.

Throw in long stretches on the driving range and practice green, with his coaches, Rick Smith and Dave Pelz, hovering nearby at nearly every moment, and you begin to understand why Mickelson strolled into the interview room on the eve of the Open and invited the USGA to do their worst to the course.

But after his second round, all the bravado was drained out of his face.

"It's a tough course because you just can't make birdies. The more you try to make birdies, the more bogeys you're going to make. I wasn't really trying to make birdies," Mickelson said. "I was just trying to salvage pars and had a tough time doing that.

"You just can't play aggressive here, you just can't. I think it's going to take 36 pars to have an outside shot at winning, and that's kind of what I'm going for."

He might yet thrive in the even-tougher conditions expected through the weekend. But at the moment, a bad putting day midway through a tournament that Mickelson said couldn't be tough enough for his satisfaction has him looking more clownish than just about anything the USGA can do to the greens. AP

# ’ program starts positive results

Saragoza in the Samsung Amateurs at Northwoods in Bulacan recently.

Joseph and initial NCO tournament champion Junel Ababa also wound up in the top five at Northwoods, justifying the program conceptualized by Ben Abalos, Hermie Esguerra, Tony Arevalo and Tommy Manotoc and run by the Philippine Amateur Golf Development Foundation.

Ababa and the Labajo brothers will be sent to Cagayan de Oro for the next Samsung leg, where tournament organizer Boy Blue Ocampo has waived their tournament fees.

As the top three placers in the NCO, Ababa and the Labajos now enjoy the benefits of an all-expenses-paid training program at Calatagan along with four other promising players, who saw action in the event held in three venues last February.

Leaving their old caddying jobs behind to concentrate on golf full time, their daily routine includes at least a round of golf at Calatagan and decorum lessons from the club's staff.

The NCO program hopes to develop the players as future prospects for the Philippine team, and the way the aspirants have been playing, it seems that dream is close to reality.

Organizers of the NCO are now in the process of drawing up a regional elimination round to kick off the next tournament and give the worthy caddies a crack at the NCO program without having to travel to Manila.

The regional eliminations have a tentative late-October schedule with the top 10 players in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao advancing to the championship proper along with 10 Manila bets.

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# Ateneo pulls off shocker vs La Salle

Games Tomorrow (*Rizal Coliseum*)
3 p.m.—San Sebastian vs La Salle
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ATENEO pulled off one of the most stirring victories in the Shakey's V-League women's volleyball tournament, battling from a set down and shocking fancied La Salle, 19-25, 25-15, 25-23, 25-17, at the start of the semifinal round at Rizal Coliseum yesterday.

It was indeed a stunning victory for the Lady Eagles, who came into the match reeling from twin losses to the Lady Archers.

Michelle Laborte came through with 19 points while three others churned out double-digit scores to underscore Ateneo's balanced offensive sock. Amelia Guanco had 12 while Iris Ortega and Cecille Tabuena each had 10 points for the Lady Eagles.

Michelle Carolino fired 19 points while Manilla Santos chipped in 10 points for La Salle, which swept its first eight games in the elims but lost the last two.

Last night's setback stymied the Lady Archers' bid for a second straight title in this event sponsored by Shakey's Pizza after ruling the 2004 second conference.

The Ateneo-La Salle match will be shown on IBC-13 starting at 7 tonight.

Meanwhile, defending champion University of Santo Tomas finally showed its true form as it whipped San Sebastian College, 25-13, 28-26, 25-20, in the first game

After scrambling in the elimination round where they scraped their way to seven wins in 10 outings, the Tigresses took away the attacking game of the Lady Stags with a solid defense in their one-hour and 10-minute victory.

First conference MVP Mary Jean Balse, Roxanne Pimentel and Venus Bernal combined for 35 points for the España-based spikers, whose emphatic straight-set victory set in motion their title-retention bid.

"I told the girls to step up kasi semifinals na ito," said UST coach August Sta. Maria

# Another FVR first… & more

**SPECTATOR**

*Al S. Mendoza*

IN his speech, Louie Fernandez said: "The beauty of golf is, we always look forward to something great about the sport. Even in our twilight years, we can always play the game. Thus, this tournament is a testament to that. Every year, we look forward to it."

Or words to that effect.

The nearly 60 participants gave the Admiral a standing ovation, almost.

They were even unanimous in giving praise to the Admiral's innovative move of raffling off five prizes intended for participants with grandchildren, topped by a mountain bike for a tot aged from 6 to 10.

Of course, some of the major prizes were big hits, like home theater speakers, 21-inch television sets and microwave ovens.

During the raffle, General Sabularse, Sabu to dear friends, said: "Absence is not required."

This was one occasion when participants in the NGAP-organized Philippine Senior Amateur Golf Open stuck it out to the very end, making the awarding ceremonies one of the most memorable ever.

Even Mike Carr and Connie Macasaet, not to mention Nick Rivera, of the host Mount Malarayat were pleasantly stunned by the joyful tidings that pervaded the air this Friday afternoon. And, yes, Architect Tony Turalba Sr., was missed. Get well soon, Manong Tony?

Camaraderie and bonding had been clearly established during the three-day event, held last year in Cagayan de Oro's Pueblo de Oro with similar success, that every participant just felt it his duty to attend the awards.

Said Richie Garcia, the newly reappointed PSC commissioner, in his brief, but meaty talk: "I'm so glad to see a lot of my fellow golfers here this afternoon. Golf is really alive and I hope to see you all again next year."

By way of a jab at emcee Jun Galindez, who had a field day poking fun at anyone of his fancy while he held the mike, Richie Garcia said: "Yes, let's see each other again in 2006 but not in Alabang!"

Since Alabang is Jun Galindez's home course, Richie Garcia's punch line brought the house down.

Benny Gopez, the NGAP president, emphasized the unity achieved by the tournament by making special mention of players, who came from the Visayas, among them Ben Reyes of Pamplona near Dumaguete, and of course Marapara's Francis Gaston, who surrendered his crown to Canlubang's Rolly Viray by a mere shot.

A noted entry from Mindanao was Davao's inimitable Anthony Sasin, the recently appointed undersecretary for oversight development committee projects, who represented Apo, host of the 1995 Philippine Open won by Carlos Espinosa of Mexico.

Truly, the tournament afforded every golfer from up North to down South the chance to savor not only the idyllic, paradise-like atmosphere of Mount Malarayat in Lipa City, but also the joy of intermingling with complete strangers.

Golf, it is always said, is people. With golf, you get to meet all kinds of people, regardless of age, creed or station in life.

President Ramos used the tournament to renew ties with Jun Iñigo, his UP High School classmate. In their flight were Indonesian Haji Tabusala and Pons Nepomuceno, my good neighbor and the tireless president of our village association.

And get this: By joining the tournament in the 75-year-old and up category, Mr. Ramos became the first Philippine president to participate in the annual NGAP event reserved for players 55 and above.

When I mentioned that to FVR, he said: "Oh, really?"

And then he went on to flatter me: "That's why you are my favorite sportswriter, Al, because of your keen sense of history."

He next asked me to sign his golf cap.

This man remains sharp as ever.

Already 78, FVR's agility seems to be still that of a 55-year-old. Still witty, he brims with quotable one-liners. After learning that Enrique Beech, at 84 the oldest participant, scored 111 in Day One, FVR told Beech: "If I see you score a 111 again, I'll order you to leave golf and play basketball."

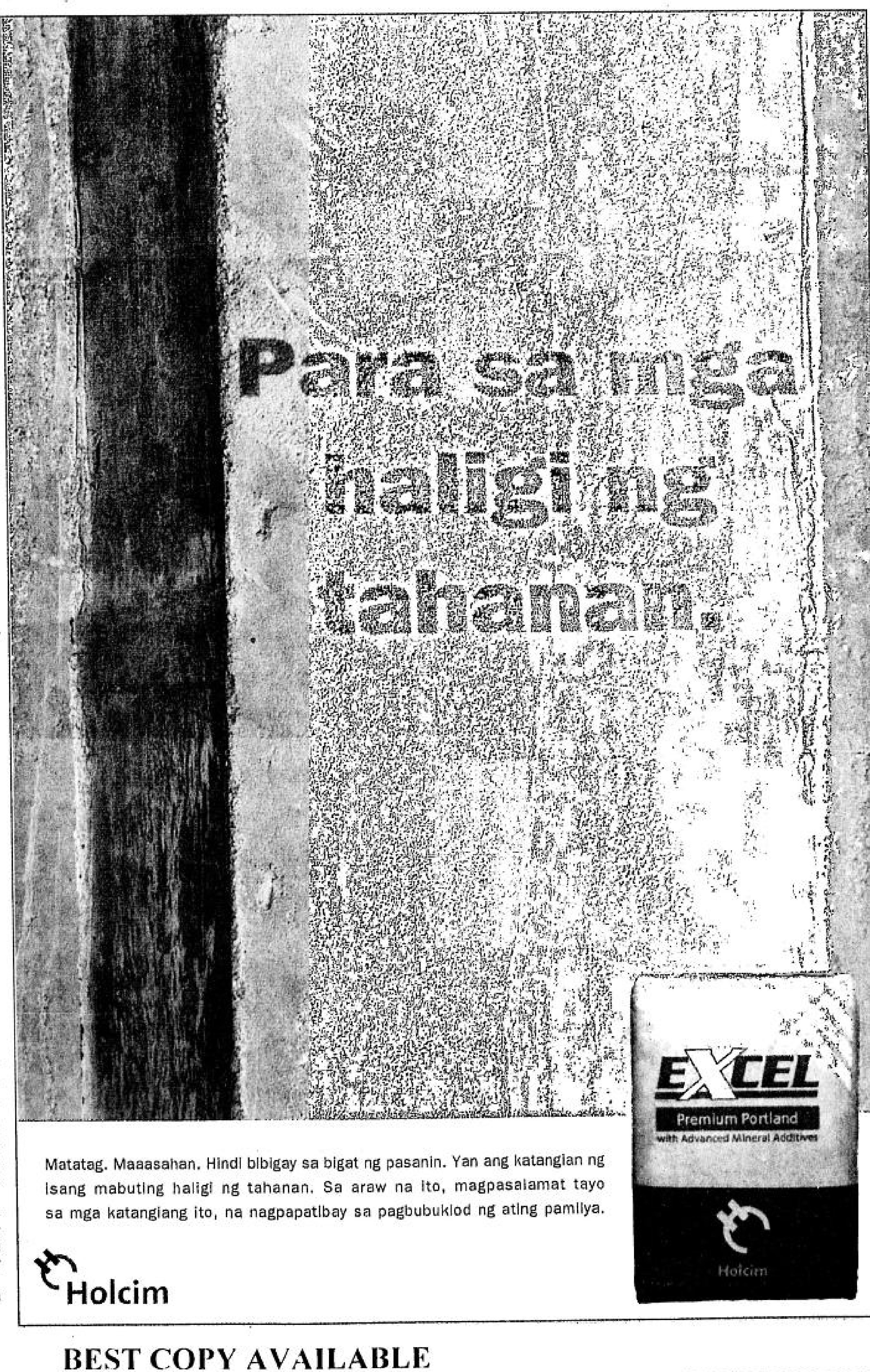
Beechito, as fondly called by his wife, Soc, promptly produced 101 the following day and eventually salvaged runner-up net honors behind champion Mr. Ramos.

Toto Bautista, the Comeback Kid from Villamor, lent a poignant touch to the event when he hosted a dinner to some of his dear friends like Jake P. Ayson, Anthony Sasin, Lope Alegre, Jun Galindez, Louie Fernandez and General Sabu at the charming La Finca resort in front of The Inns of Malarayat. The golfing world knows that Toto, the many-time former national player, had licked cancer and is back like a brand-new tire.

I'd wanted to sing Toto a song after dinner by way of paying tribute to his fortitude, if not to the gods who made him whole again. But the grapes and peanuts harvested on the front yard intervened. Ask Sol FJ, my addiction to both is legend. Besides, the moonbeam made it even more imperative for me not to sing.

It might have spoiled an evening of moonlit sky being lulled to sleep by the lullaby of crickets huddled not far from the ranges of the majestic Malarayat.

No song can ever beat the sound of nature.



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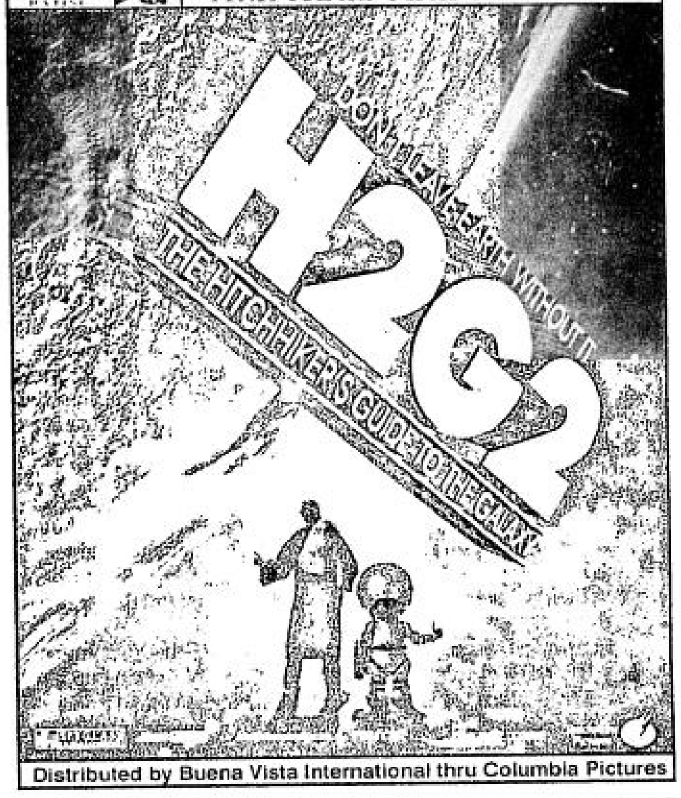
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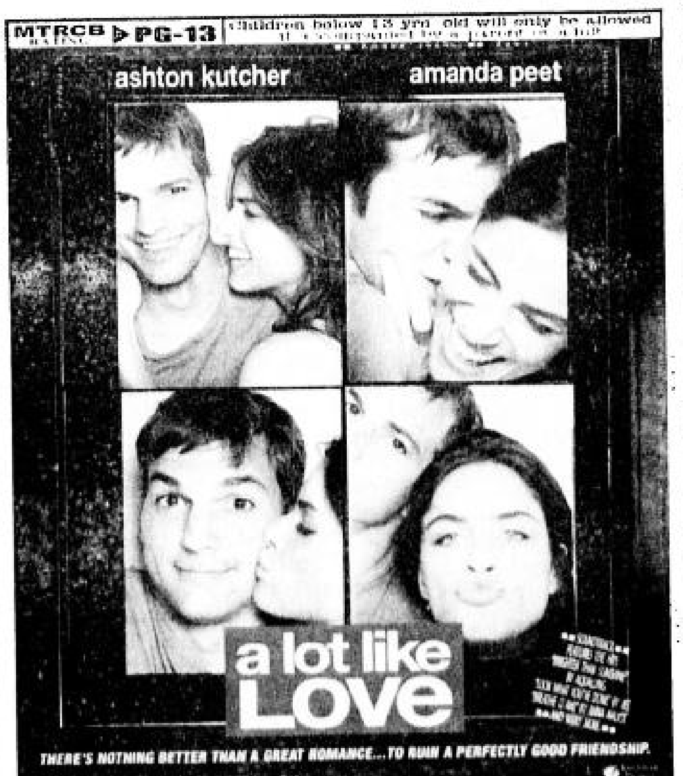
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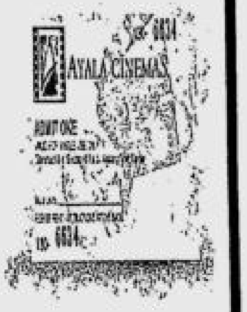

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# Sound Offer top favorite

**By Edwin Villanueva**
*Contributor*

**SOUND Offer could have flashed home a winner the last time she ran at the Santa Ana Park but one formidable foe prevented it from happening—Empire King.**

The 5-year-old imported mare from Australia flexes her muscles again today at the Makati racetrack and this time, there's a strong chance that she'll make it first to the wire.

Reason? Empire King won't be around and Sound Offer will only have to contend with four other rivals in the third leg of the 2005 Imported Stakes Series.

Star jockey Fernando "Dhunoy" Raquel Jr. is guiding the daughter of former Kentucky Derby winner Thunder Gulch anew, hoping to improve on their second-place feat in the Binay Cup which Empire King ruled two weeks ago.

"*Subukan natin uli. Tingin ko kaya n'ya* (We'll try again. I think she can do it)," said Raquel, who will ride the Javier Stable bet for the second time.

Sound Offer landed second behind Cover Girl in the "Karera Para sa Puso" in February before notching her first major triumph when she upset West Bound in the second leg of the Santa Ana Park Championship and topped the MJCI Invitational in March, all under Eldy Salvador.

Three other Aussie imports—Wild Orchid, Last Snip and Heroics—and a lone galloper from New Zealand—Glamour—are facing Sound Offer in the one-mile (1,600 meters) race.

Wild Orchid is coming off an impressive win in the Class Division like Heroics and Glamour, while Last Snip landed third in the recent President Arroyo Cup won by Empire King.

"*Puwede kong iuna o kaya isunod lang* (I can give her the early lead or just stay within range of the leaders)," added Raquel.

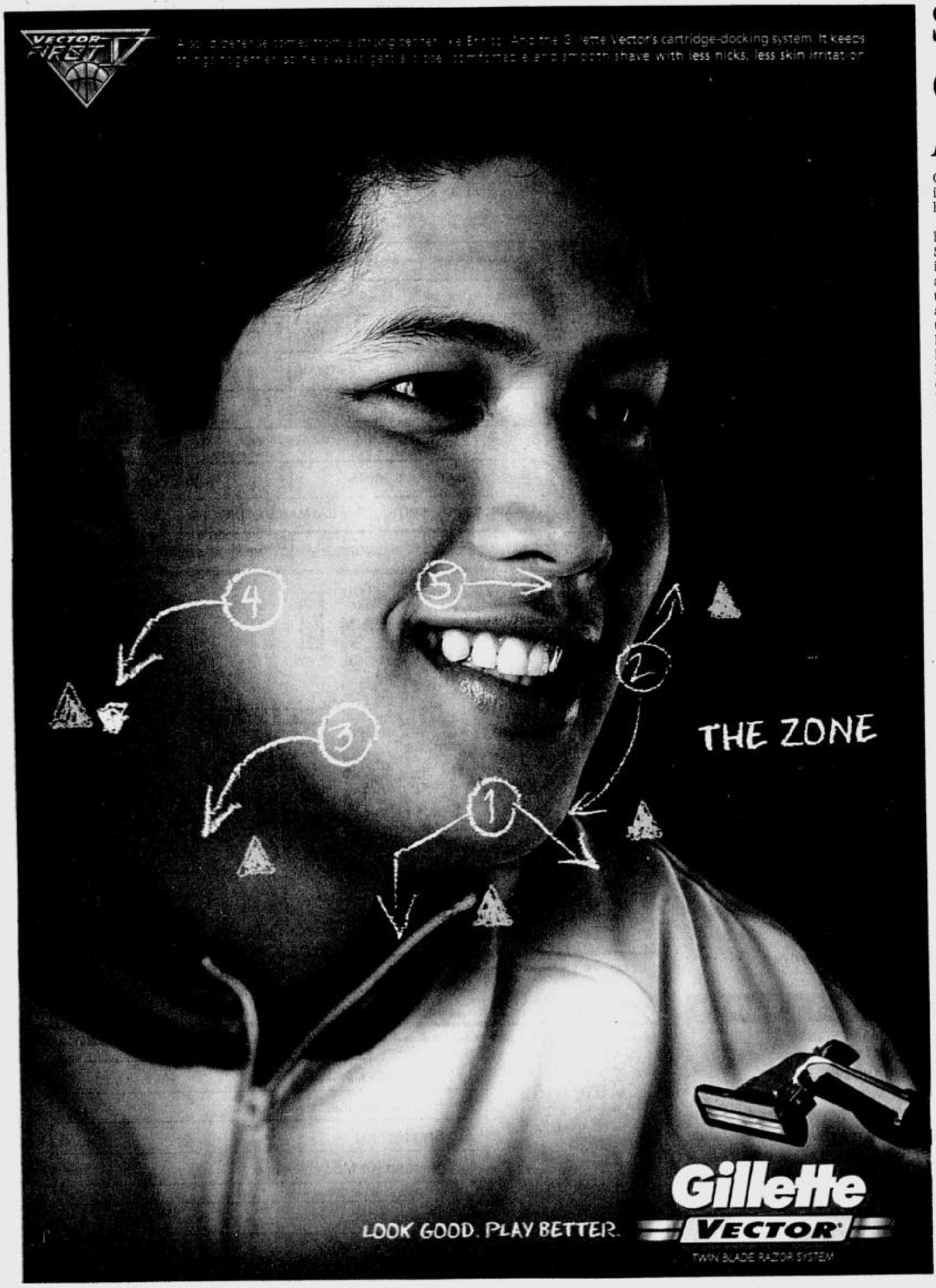
Among the entries, Sound Offer owns the fastest time of 1:40 flat over the mile and this could augur well in her bid to post her 6th victory in 12 starts at Santa Ana.

Heroics, to be handled by Antonio Alcasid Jr., is expected to figure prominently in the early going.

Partnering Wild Orchid, Last Snip and Glamour are Jordan Cordova, Jesse Guce and Val Dilema, respectively.

Winner of the Philracom-sponsored race brings home P270,000.

Sir Golden Score prevailed in the opening leg of the series, while Stowaway Last captured the second stage.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# Sy fastest qualifier in AF3 round

GUANGDONG, China.—Things are fast turning out right for Filipino driver Tyson Sy and he is ready to pounce on the opportunity.

SY

The 17-year-old lead driver of Speedtech Asia thrived in slippery conditions at the Zhuhai International Racing Circuit and emerged fastest in the qualifying race for Round five of the Asian Formula Three Grand Prix Saturday, moving on the verge of scoring his breakthrough victory in the nation-hopping series.

A morning drizzle rendered the 4.3 km track wet and slippery but this failed to slow down Sy who, despite spinning thrice in the third lap, went on to clock the day's fastest time of 1:47.298, averaging 144 km per hour.

"The goal is to win," said Sy, who grabbed the top grid position in Round five later Saturday. "I really don't mind *kung ako 'yung naghahabol* or *hinahabol, basta ang importante, sa* finish line, *ako 'yung una.*"

Another Filipino young gun, Dado Pena of Ambi Pur Team Goddard-Minardi Team Asia, was fourth fastest in 1:48.070 and sustained his bid for a first-ever win in the 12-leg series.

"I logged my best time while the track was still wet, which is quite a feat," said Pena, who placed 2nd in Round 3 last month and is running fourth in the overall standings with 46. "The others did it when the track was drying up."

Dy trails Indonesian Ananda Mikola (75 points) of Fastron Racing with Threebond, Australian Christian Jones (62) of Christian Jones Motorsport and Irishman John O'Hara (32) of Shell Helix Kinetic PCSO.

"Second place would be disappointing," added Pena, 17, indicating he would go all out to challenge Sy, James Winslow of Britain and Rodolfo Avila of Macau, who finished second and third, respectively, in the qualifying session.

Winslow, of Shell Helix Kinetic PCSO, clocked 1:47.462 while Avila, driving the car supposed to be driven by Jones, timed 1:47.974.

### Practice runs

Avila damaged the Neil Brown Honda engine of Dallara 301 in practice runs Friday and Jones, in what team officials said was a move in the interest of "good customer relations," allowed the Macau driver to take the helm of the team's newest car.

O'Hara, back with Shell Kinetic after a disappointing performance in Rounds 3 and 4 last month, placed fifth in 1:48.230, followed by Mikola (1:48.299), Filipino Pepon Marave of Shell Kinetic (1:51.717), Indon Moreno Soeprapto of Denso Hanjin Joson F3 (1:52.773), Macau's Jo Rosa Merszei of Fujitsu Ten Toyota Team Tom's (1:54.162), Irish Greg Murphy of Ambi Pur Team Goddard Minardi Team Asia (1:54.162), Enzo Pastor of Team TEC Pilipinas (1:56.036), Irish Robert Block of Denso Hanjin Joson F3 (2:00.270), Japanese Hideaki Machida of Speedtech Asia (2:04.530) and Irish Lee Farrell of Shell Helix Kinetic PCSO (3:17.089). For details, race enthusiasts can log on www.asianf3.net.

Mikola struggled with the setup of his car in the absence of his Japanese engineer, Nobuaki Adachi, who is attending another race in Japan, but the rest of the competitors still kept a wary eye on the Indon.

Aside from Mikola, the Filipino drivers will also have to contend with Winslow who said: "I did not come all the way from England to settle for second."

Winslow, an AF3 fixture since the opening two legs at the Batangas Racing Circuit, was impressed with the competition, saying: "It doesn't get the recognition it deserves but I think it's at par with many British races."

All eyes will be on Sy, however, who didn't lose his composure when he spun on the third lap.

"*May kasama na rin sigurong suwerte, kasi pangatlong pihit ko lang sa makina, umandar na uli. Malakas 'yung* battery *ko*," added Sy, a Grade 11 student of Inter-Asia School who is running seventh in the overall standings.

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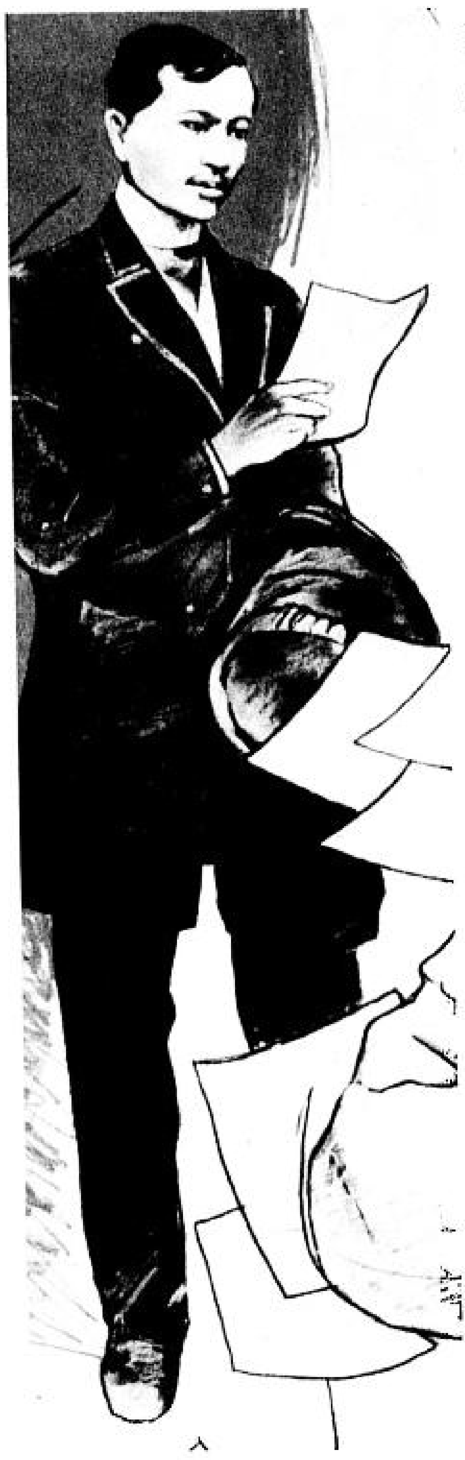
# The untouchable 'Noli Me Tangere'

Elias the rebel's love story, not to mention his armed struggle, is every oppressed Filipino's continuing saga



DETAIL from a painting by BenCab

By Ophellia San Juan
*Contributor*

ARRIVA Productions' "Noli Me Tangere" film of 1961 scores some firsts in Philippine movie history that do proud its author, Dr. Jose Rizal—national hero, whose birth anniversary is celebrated today.

It was the first locally made film to be shown in an English-language theater, the Galaxy on Rizal Avenue, where American blockbusters like "South Pacific" and "My Fair Lady" were shown. At the time, the luxurious movie houses in Manila, which also include Ever, Avenue, and Ideal, booked only Hollywood products. Tagalog pictures were shown only at Life Theatre in Quiapo and Dalisay on Rizal Avenue.

The movie also posted the largest box-office revenue at the time—P100,000 gross on its first week. This may seem a paltry sum by today's standards, but a movie ticket then cost only P1, plus 20 centavos for flood tax. (Yes, our floods were supposed to have been remedied in the 1960s.) And a jeepney ride cost 10 centavos.

## Not patriotism

"Noli's" producer, Antonio R. Riva of Oas, Albay, was not being particularly patriotic. He was a businessman and "Noli" was birthed at his offices, as was its sequel, "El Filibusterismo."

Conceptualization of the project came mostly from the late actor Eddie del Mar, who later became so enamored with the persona of Ibarra whom he portrayed, that he continued to sport the same hairstyle and mannerisms of Rizal.

Directed by the late Gerardo de Leon, "Noli" was one of the first movies to star a beauty queen, Edita Vital. She proved such a winsome Maria Clara that she could provide an effective contrapuntal foil for the stark tragedy of Sisa, played by another screen newcomer, Lina Cariño.

## Raw talents

Manong, as Gerry de León was called, had no qualms about casting raw talents, as he was sure of his directorial hand.

Contrast also marked the exciting tension between Ibarra and Elias, as Eddie del Mar portrayed the thinking man's *ilustrado*,

THE UNTOUCHABLE/ A2-2

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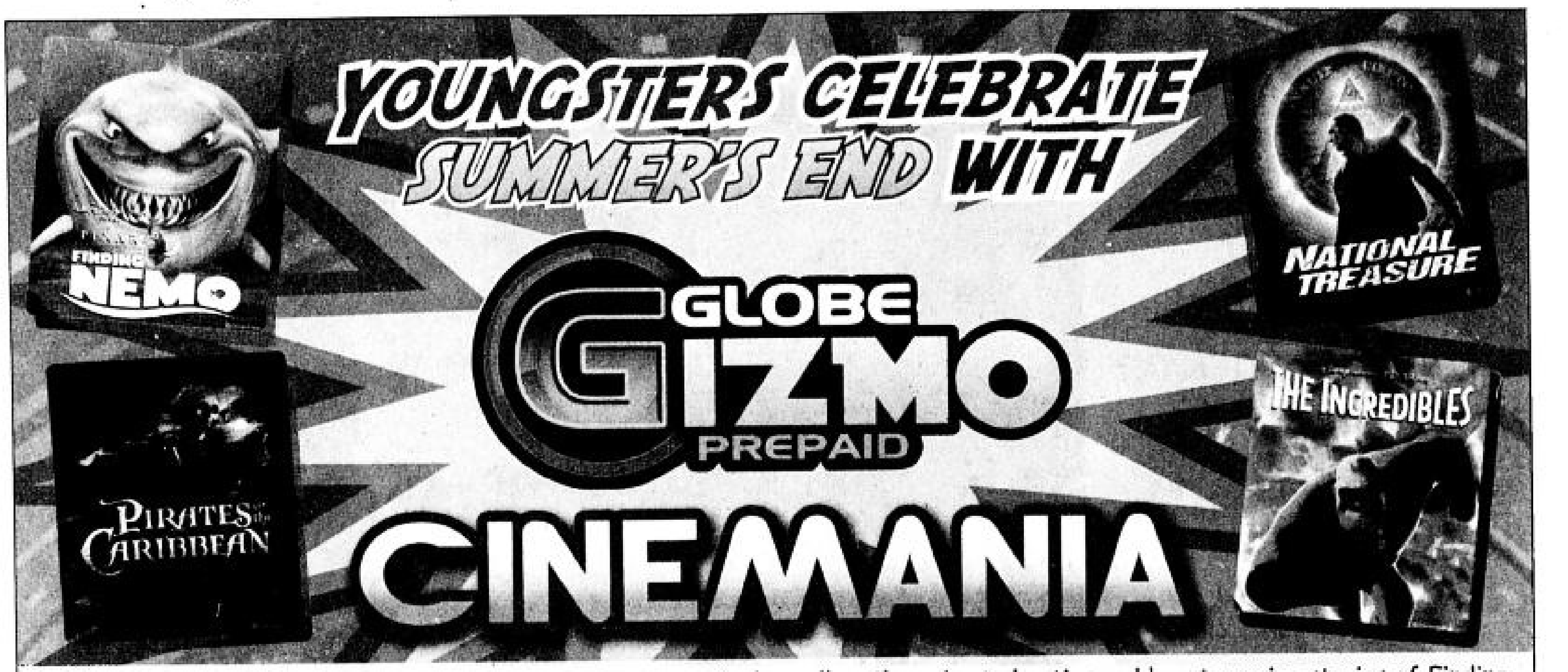

For children all over the country, the end of summer is jampacked with a whirlwind of activity - a time to prepare for the upcoming school year and enjoy the remaining days of the summer vacation. Giving youngsters a fun-filled finale to the summer was Globe Gizmo Prepaid, the country's first prepaid mobile service for children aged 7 to 12. From May 20 to June 12, the youth-oriented mobile brand showcased Disney Blockbusters in Globe Gizmo Cinemania, a series of weekend film festivals held in major cities across the nation.

Globe Gizmos and their families flocked to SM City Iloilo, SM City Cebu, SM Megamall, SM City Batangas, SM City Pampanga, SM City Baguio - and most recently, SM City Davao and SM City Cagayan de Oro - for a fun-tastic moviegoing experience. Two days before each scheduled screening, Globe Gizmos and their parents patiently waited in line to receive their free movie passes at Globe Gizmo booths in the respective malls. More than a thousand youngsters nationwide enjoyed the action-packed thrills and swashbuckling adventures of National Treasure and Pirates of the Caribbean, as well as the animated antics and heartwarming stories of Finding Nemo and The Incredibles. And to make sure that the youthful viewers enjoyed every second of this exclusive movie marathon, free popcorn and soda were provided for each Globe Gizmo family!

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# Bathaluman forever!

*Lilia Dizon was LVN's resident goddess. Then she turned her back on the movies to live life as a mere mortal*

**By Bayani San Diego Jr.**
**Additional photos courtesy of Lilia Dizon**

ASIA'S best actress, 1954, and mother of Pinky, Christopher and Melissa de Leon RYAN LIM

WITH Jose Corazon de Jesus in "Doce Pares" PDI PHOTO

FOREVER etched in movie fans' minds as "Bathaluman," Lilia Dizon specialized in femme fatale characters at her home studio, LVN Pictures.

"All the sexy roles were given to me," she says. "I also did 'Venus' and 'Engkantada.'"

But she played a tomboy in her first movie, 1948's "Kaaway ng Babae."

"The director, Nemesio E. Caravana, saw me running along Rizal Avenue," Lilia recalls. "It was about to rain, so I was rushing. I was only 18 then, and quite fast!"

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Nemesio had been impressed enough to ask Doña Sisang (Narcisa de Leon, LVN matriarch and founder) to hire Lilia, who was previously named Carol Strauss, a singer-actress at Lotus Theater.

(Her real name is Claire Strauss. Pioneering lady director Susana de Guzman christened her Lilia, after her character in the Carmen Rosales movie "Probinsiyana." Dizon is her mother Regina's maiden name.)

"For one scene in 'Kaaway,' my long hair was cut for real," Lilia volunteers. "But Doña Sisang gave me just compensation for the sacrifice."

WITH Rogelio de la Rosa in "Haring Kobra" PDI PHOTO

WITH Mona Lisa in "Binatang Maynila" PDI PHOTO

Her producer was very generous, says Lilia. "She was the best. Noticing that her stars were into bowling, she built a bowling alley within the compound."

De Leon was so hands-on, Lilia quips, that "she made our costumes. She had a team of seamstresses, but she supervised them. Sometimes, she even cut the patterns."

Doña Sisang treated her stars like family. "She helped me get a housing loan."

Lilia's 18-year stint with LVN allowed her to build a house on Boston Street near the studio, and put up the Bathaluman beauty salon and dress shop along Araneta.

IN "DIMAS" PDI PHOTO

## Signature role

Lilia never imagined that "Bathaluman" would become her signature role.

She relates: "Doña Sisang dropped by the set and said I'd better make sure my breasts didn't pop out of the costume. She was very strict. She didn't permit torrid kissing scenes. In any case, I couldn't do love scenes because my husband [character actor Gil de Leon] was the jealous type."

In "Bathaluman," she plays the Pinoy Venus, a statue brought to life by the fervent love of its sculptor, played by Mario Montenegro.

"[Anastacio] Caedo himself made two Bathaluman statues," Lilian says. "I posed for him. He took my measurements and made plaster moulds for my face, arms, and legs."

Doña Sisang was so pleased with the end product, she gave Lilia one of the statues; the the other one was smashed by Mario in the film.

"I displayed the statue at my salon window," she says.

As a novice actress, Lilia confesses, she didn't have much faith in herself.

"In 'Kaaway,' the lines were very poetic," she remembers, laughing. "My acting was corny!"

Working with masters Lamberto Avellana and Gerry de Leon made her bloom.

The latter directed her in the classic "Sanda Wong" and imparted sound advice: "Try not to twitch your eyebrows too much; you look like Sano!" she says, imitating the director who "had a very deep voice."

Sano was a comedian with a straight line for eyebrows.

A six-time Famas Best Actress nominee, Lilia almost cinched the trophy for Bert Avellana's "Kandilerong Pilak" in 1954. Although she lost to Gloria Romero (for "Dalagang Ilocana"), a bigger reward awaited her. "I won Asia's Best Actress, topping 27 contenders from the region. The ceremony was held in Cambodia; Prince Norodom handed the trophy to me when he visited LVN."

## Broken heart

Behind her triumphant smile at the time, Lilia was nursing a broken heart.

"My marriage was going sour," she recounts. "I wasn't happy anymore. I was young, barely 17, and he was 33 when we got married."

To make matters worse, she had become the breadwinner, and this irked her macho husband. Her Bathaluman statue became a casualty of his rage. "I am not sure if it was Gil or a girlfriend of his who destroyed it," she sighs. "I got depressed. All I wanted from him was love and moral support."

Since neither was forthcoming, she packed her bags and escaped to the United States in 1956—a difficult decision in the face of her successful career. She was also leaving her growing children behind.

"Every night, I cried," she says. But she had to remain strong. "For my kids. I got my US citizenship, with the help of my dad Abe who was an American. Then I found a job."

She returned home after a while, got an annulment, sold her properties, and opened a trust fund for her children Pinky, Christopher, and Melissa.

"I tried to explain everything to the kids," she says. "But of course they were bitter at first. Now, they understand me. They love me so much! Christopher calls me at one o'clock in the morning just to check on me."

In the US, she remarried and raised two more daughters, Toni and Cory.

## Poignant return

She returned to the big screen in 1974 to support Christopher, who was making his debut in the Lino Brocka masterpiece, "Timimbang Ka Ngunit Kulang."

Naturally, when Christopher was named Famas Best Actor, Lilia was the happiest person in the world. "He was one of the youngest ever to win," she says, beaming even now that this son is grown up (and she has 15 grandchildren).

Lilia maintained an uneasy truce with Gil. "Whenever we saw each other, he would just stare ... as if he wanted to kill me!"

They eventually patched things up in their own unique way. "The last time he got sick, I sent him a get-well letter. He responded with a thank-you note."

During his last days in the hospital, according to Melissa, Gil was calling his wife's name. Lilia says, poignantly, "And my picture was on his dresser mirror."

WITH grandchildren (from left): Isabella, Rebecca, Joshua and Renzo RYAN LIM

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# The untouchable 'Noli Me Tangere'

EDDIE del Mar and Leopoldo Salcedo in "Noli Me Tangere"

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and Leopoldo Salcedo the enraged man of action.

Wielding together the contrasts and similarities of life in 18th and 19th century Philippines, Manong wove his own magic on the Rizal novel, creating a synthesis of all that the author said and hinted at of the cancer festering but untouchable in his country.

Recognition of De Leon's talent came in the form of Best Picture and Best Director Famas (Filipino Academy of Movie Arts and Sciences) awards that pushed him to international stature. Incidentally, he also won an award for another Rizal character, "Sisa," starring Anita Linda.

Lina Cariño, De Leon's newer Sisa, was named Best Supporting Actress trophy and Oscar Keesee, portraying Padre Damaso, Best Supporting Actor.

## Good material

In hindsight, it may be said that one cannot go wrong with good material—in this case a rich, passionate story.

The rich lode of untapped filmic material in Dr. Jose Rizal includes the story of Elias. His love story, not to mention his armed rebellion, is every oppressed Filipino's continuing saga.

He might have been eclipsed by Ibarra's transformation to Simoun in "El Filibusterismo," but that was because of "Noli's" being a compleat chronicle of the *ilustrado's* struggle.

Indeed, "Noli Me Tangere" is unmatched for its clarity of vision and soundness of structure. In the hands of deft filmmakers like Dr. Gerardo de Leon, it became untouchable as filmic achievement.

# Bianca Gonzalez's new love and new job

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SCOOP: Bianca Gonzalez is officially "on" with her "Star Dance" director Lino Cayetano, youngest son of the late Sen. Rene Cayetano.

"I like everything about him and so does my family," gushed Bianca, 22. It seems they have been dating with relatives in tow for several months now.

This was revealed to INQUIRER Entertainment recently, after the launch of ABS-CBN's "Magandang Umaga, Pilipinas." Bianca is the new co-host on the reformatted early morning news-variety show. She replaces Nina Corpus, while Ryan Agoncillo replaces Ogie Diaz. Bianca will tackle the fashion segment and Ryan will report on young lifestyles.

**LINO Cayetano** PDI PHOTO

"Besides his good looks and intelligence, what made me fall for Lino was his maturity, values and closeness to family. I'm like that, too," said Bianca who also hosts "Y Speak."

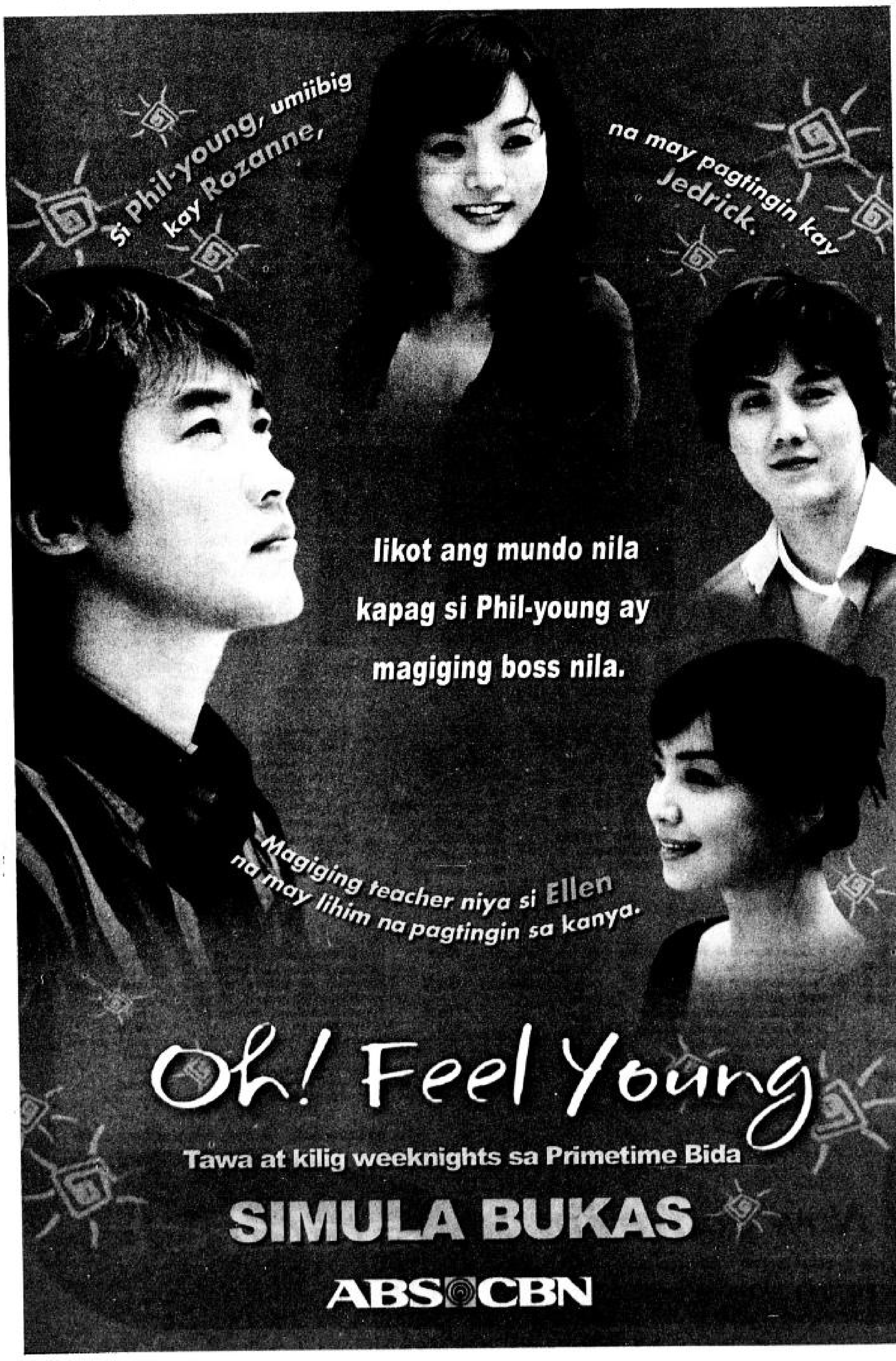
"Star Dance" is now defunct.

Bianca started her career at age 17, when she was handpicked by Pantene shampoo for a film commercial. In rapid succession she endorsed Coca-Cola with Luis Alandy, Nestle Yogurt, Kotex and Globe Gen-Text.

Soon she was on the cover of nearly all local teen magazines. "I never thought I was attractive, and I wasn't popular in school. I had to develop my self-confidence," said Bianca, a graduate of Communication Arts from Ateneo.

"Jet Valle of Backroom Artists Inc. discovered me. He got me the image modeling job for Pink Soda and introduced me to Channel 23," said Bianca. "I think my most surreal moment was when I first saw my giant Pink Soda billboard on Edsa. I was startled."

Bianca is currently busy hosting corporate events and out-of-town gigs for Backroom. "I love what fate has gifted me with," she said. "I thank God every day for giving me a full plate. Someday, though, I'd like to study film directing and direct short films."



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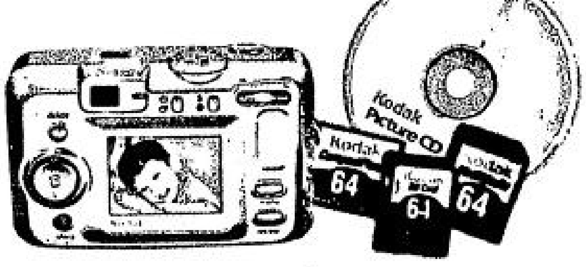

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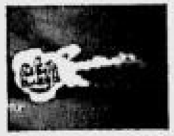
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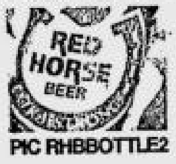
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|  | South Luzon Eliminations - 3rd Leg | Naga |
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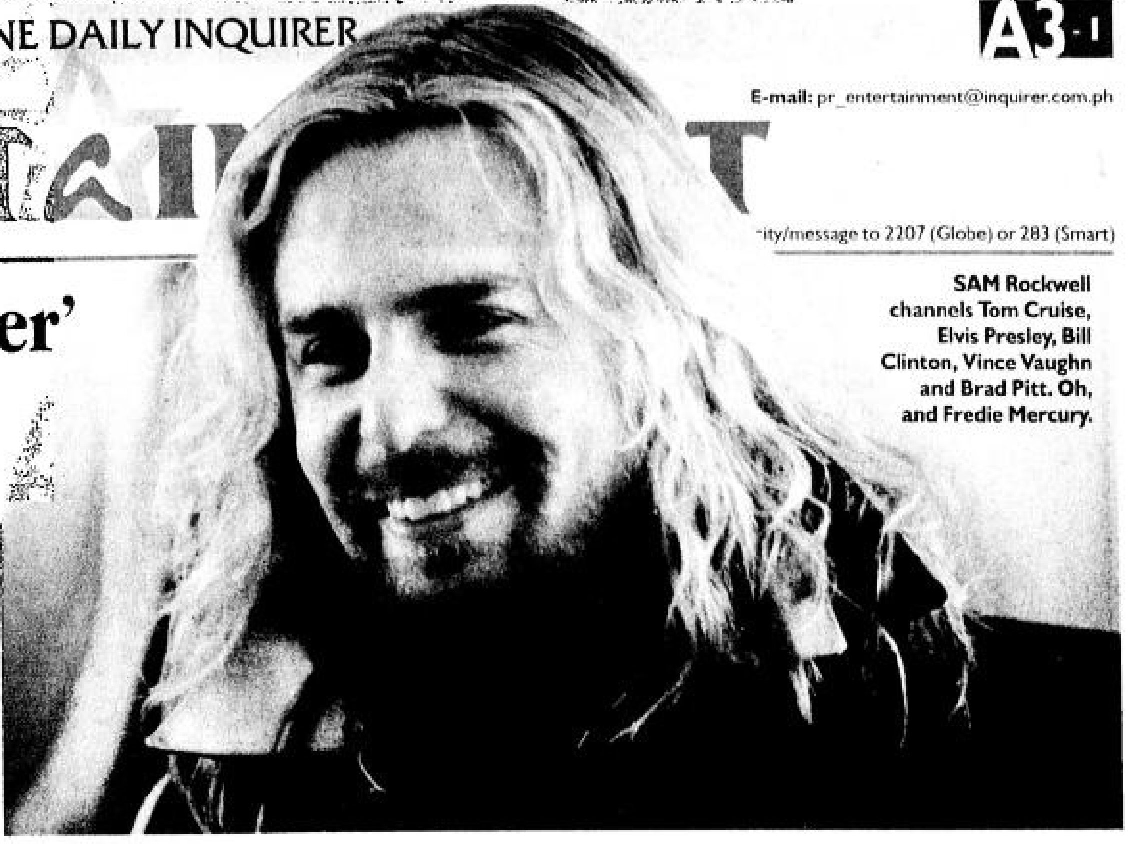

**SAM Rockwell channels Tom Cruise, Elvis Presley, Bill Clinton, Vince Vaughn and Brad Pitt. Oh, and Fredie Mercury.**

LOS ANGELES—"We had Tom Cruise in 'The Last Samurai' as a prototype. He looks good with a beard. Also Elvis Presley and Bill Clinton. We sort of took Brad Pitt's hair and his easygoing personality. There's a little bit of Vince Vaughn; a bit of George W. Bush. Freddie Mercury, too."

That was actor Sam Rockwell revealing who he was channeling in the wry sci-fi comedy-adventure, "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy." It was a tribute to Sam and the film's make-up and wardrobe staff that, when he showed up for an interview at New York's The Regency hotel, most of us couldn't believe that this was the same guy who combined Freddie, Brad, Tom, Elvis and all these other personalities into one amusing performance.

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Oh, and did I mention that later in the movie Sam's character turns out to be a two-headed, three-armed president of the galaxy with a truly unforgettable name, Zaphod Beeblebrox?

"They were constantly dressing me up," Sam pointed out. "Zaphod's wardrobe is very elaborate. It's like stuff on top of stuff. I had more outfits than Sarah Jessica Parker in 'Sex and the City.'"

When I recently watched "Hitchhiker's Guide" in a Cineplex on the top floor of a building in New York's Battery Park, the trek via a seemingly endless flight of escalators felt like a trip to the highest reaches of the galaxy.

But I was glad that I endured the climb to what must be the world's highest located movie house. "Hitchhiker's Guide" is like a charming, human-scaled version of "Star Wars." "Men in Black" and "Ghostbusters" also came to my mind. The movie has spectacular special effects, yes, but it never loses its simple, silly charm.

## A phenomenon

The "Hitchhiker's Guide" phenomenon has apparently passed me by. This droll tale is about a regular guy (British actor Martin Freeman) who goes on a great adventure when the world comes to its sudden end. He travels around the galaxy with his buddy who turns out to be an alien (rapper Mos Def), the president of the galaxy (Sam) and a young woman (Zooey Deschanel).

Starting out as a BBC Radio series, "Hitchhiker's Guide" was made into a five-book set that, to this day, enjoys an almost cult-like following (as rabid as "Harry Potter" fans) and a TV series.

Garth Jennings, half of the British duo (Hammer & Tongs) that created hip music videos for REM and Beck, had the tough task of bringing the well-loved series to the big screen. He gave details on how devoted some "Hitchhiker's Guide" followers are.

"There's this very hard core audience who takes it incredibly seriously, who knows every single detail," said the young director at The Regency. "I thought I was a fan of 'Hitchhiker's' until I met other fans who are absolutely into it, like they know what a character ate for breakfast and all that. These books have a resonance with all ages. Readers develop a very affectionate view of these books."

## Unlikely team

"It's funny," added Garth, whose creative partner, Nick Goldsmith, became the film's producer. "There was a poll conducted a couple of years ago in England to find the best, most popular books. First one was 'Lord of the Rings.' That was everywhere, so there was no surprise in that. The second one, I think, was 'Pride and Prejudice.' The third one, I don't remember. The fourth was 'Hitchhiker's Guide' and the weird thing was, there had been no mention of 'Hitchhiker's' on television, radio or anywhere for 20 years."

The filmmaker explained how an unlikely team like he and Nick ended up with the film project (it turned out to be a perfect pairing, though): "Our agent rang up one day and said, there's this 'Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy' script, are you interested? We were like, actually don't send us that because we grew up loving that stuff. It was very precious to us. We were worried that if it was coming from Hollywood, it wouldn't be what we'd grown up with.

"But our agent sent the script to us anyway. We read it and it was just extraordinary. We found out afterward that the reason we got the script in the first place was that the studio (Touchstone Pictures) had sent it to Spike Jonze. Spike had passed on it but recommended us for the job. That was incredibly sweet of him."

The book-to-screen tale, however, is bittersweet. Douglas Adams, the English writer of the books who moved to California and spent years trying to get the film version made, died at age 49 in 2001, before he could see his dream come true.

Garth pointed out, "We have a little production company on a barge in north London. It's literally a two-minute walk from where Douglas' house is. His widow still lives there. It's very strange that Douglas had gone all the way to America and then the movie ended being made by two men who were just at the end of the road."

## Don't panic

Since the movie shows a visual feast of intergalactic journeys (hence the title, a practical guide about the universe in which the best advice is, "Don't panic!"), bad-poetry-reading, bureaucratic, huge aliens known as Vogons, a manic-depressive robot and leaping dolphins (they're smart enough to leave earth before it is decimated), I asked Garth if he felt intimidated by the giant task that faced him before production began.

He told me: "To be honest with you, it was only in the initial stages that we felt daunted

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# Drew Barrym
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SHE'S an icon in Hollywood pop
She's best known as the little s
Steven Spielberg's "E.T."

Growing up in front of the c
isn't very graceful for sure. Dr
rymore is one of the few who su
and continues to have a succes
reer as an actress and, occas
even as a producer.

Her latest starring role is in
Pitch," a baseball movie.

**Is being an obsessed sports
good thing?**

I don't see why [it] would b
thing. There are far more n
things. There are sports widow
think there [just needs to] be
ance. Because the more you
something for sports, [for insta
relationship, someone gets hurt

**Did you shoot in front of a real
in "Fever Pitch"?**

Yeah. We shot with hand he
eras ... and it was amazing, like
was running through the fiel
was shot after a real game. We
crowd that if they wanted to st
could, and they all did. So that
a real paying crowd and they
awesome!

**Has growing old in front of th
era been a traumatic thing?**

Why would it be traumatic
the opposite. And whatever w
or gravity that happens I feel lik
me, I only get better with age.
my boobs fall down to the floor
just be behind the camera be
love producing. I think I am c
ing myself. I'm on the cover o
magazine for the first time in
and I had to wait till I was 30 fo
happen. I think that's somethi
should be celebrated instead
know, feeling bad because I'm o

**Are you good at answering yo
phone like [you are] in the film**

Well, I have a cell phone but
know where it's at right now.
very good at returning calls. Bu
it comes to work and getting

# Thumbs up . . .

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by the scale of what we were about to embark on. But the minute that we actually asked, how would I make a Vogon or what Marvin [the paranoid robot] should look like, once we actually got into the actual mechanics of doing the job, that daunting aspect goes out of the window. We felt like we were in this extraordinary playground. It's probably the most wonderful thing you could be given. It forces you to be incredibly creative."

While Sam gets to channel Brad's hair and wear Elvis-inspired outfits, poor Martin Freeman is dressed in a bathrobe and pajamas throughout most of the film. As the last surviving man on earth, he has that appropriate Everyman quality about him (think Tom Hanks but British).

## Fantastical stuff

Martin discussed how he kept his performance grounded despite the intergalactic hi-jinks going around him: "Yes, there is fantastical stuff in the film. But you try and make sense of it anyway and you sort of normalize it. It becomes your reality [during the filming]. That becomes normal quite quickly."

Of acting against bureaucratic behemoths (seen some in Manila?), Martin says of the creatures, mostly done though the magic of the Jim Henson puppets and a bit of CGI: "The Vogons were really there. There were all sorts of Henson-made creatures that you could actually act and interact with. So it wasn't an endless week of pretending that this tennis ball is a Vogon. It was really nice that there were tangible, touchable things in front of you. That made acting a lot more enjoyable, a lot easier."

So next time you encounter a bureaucratic type, be careful. It could be an alien ready to torture you with the worst poetry you'll ever hear.

*(E-mail the columnist at rvnepales@yahoo.com.)*

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thing done, I am very diligent about it and very aggressive. I try and keep in touch with friends but I probably don't call as much as I should. I'm very responsible when it comes to work.

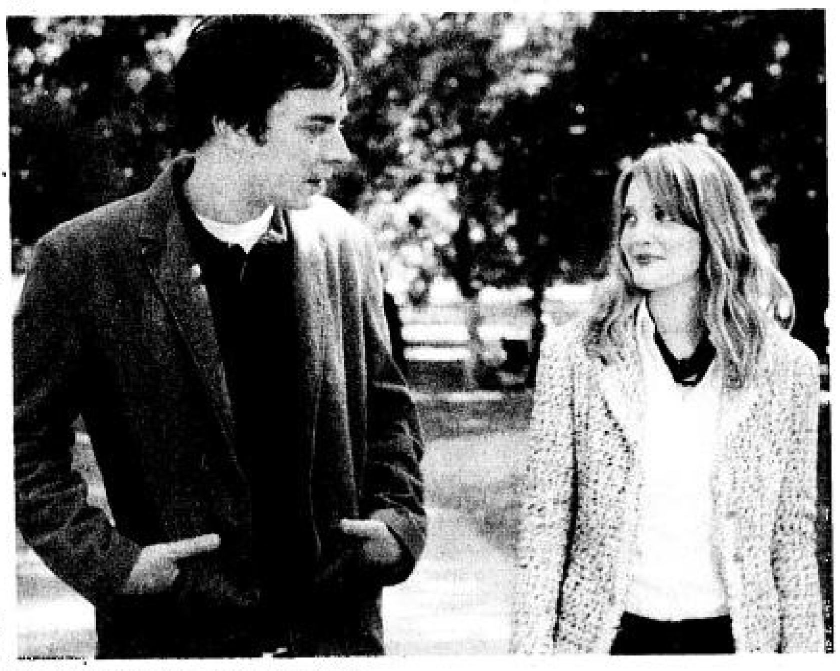
**Many actresses refer to you as a role model ...**

Really? That's cool.

**What do you have to say to them?**

Well, I really don't like sitting around and hoping for the best. I'm an actor but I also like producing and being involved in every aspect and being in power and look forward to growing more and more. I just love my job... I love it.

"I JUST love my job ... I love it."



WITH Jimmy Fallon in "Fever Pitch"

# New king and queen of Hollywood

ONCE a star, always a star? No such luck. Entertainment stardom requires constant reinforcement, and stars who rest on their laurels often see their careers lose stellar sheen, and go to pot. It happens to the best of them!

Take **Tom Hanks.** He's always been on top of Hollywood's tinsel heap, but he's eased up this past year, so he isn't in 2005's list of 100 top-grossing stars. What an indignity!

But Hanks' fans need not fret on the long term: He's about to stage a smashing comeback in the film version of "The Da Vinci Code," a highly touted project based on the very controversial novel—a volatile combination of plus factors that should propel Hanks back to the top later this year.

King comic **Jim Carrey** has been having similar problems keeping up with the stellar Joneses—and Cruises, Fords and Washingtons! Let's hope he also recovers lost ground this year.

In any case, the new King and Queen of Hollywood, at least this week, are **Brad Pitt** and **Angelina Jolie,** thanks to the whopping grosses (more than $50 M on its opening weekend) that their current starrer, "Mr. and Mrs. Smith," has been chalking up.

This is truly impressive, since figures that high are usually generated by big action/adventure spectaculars, while "Smiths" is a smaller production that focuses almost exclusively on its two leads.

Well, you can "blame" that on all of the talk these past months about a Brad-Angelina affair on the "Smiths" set, which purportedly led to the breakup of Pitt's marriage to **Jennifer Aniston.**

**VIEWFINDER**

*Nestor U. Torre*

The stars involved have been denying all those rumors until they're blue in the face, but some fans prefer to believe otherwise, so they were eager to watch the movie, to see their suspicions "confirmed."

Be that as it may, Pitt and Jolie have benefited enormously from all that hype, and their careers have zoomed up to even greater heights. This early, people are already talking about a "Smiths" sequel, to follow up on the initial hit.

But the movie's director balks at such a challenge, because in his view, he's so hard-pressed to top some of the film's unique action highlight especially the long, bruising fight scene between his two leads.

Not to worry: With the success of "Smiths," Pitt and Jolie should have their pick of the best movie projects in Hollywood, so they'll be starring, either together or separately, in other major production in film seasons to come.

Now, if only the likes of Hanks and Carrey can think up new ways to figure strongly in the stellar derby once more...

### Marion Raven

NORWEGIAN singer **Marion Raven** arrives in Manila on June 21 to promote her album, "Here I am." The former M2M duo member will also perform with **Kitchie Nadal** at Music Museum at 9 p.m. on June 25, guest on "ASAP Fanatic" on June 26, and later that day do an acoustic show at Music One, Greenbelt 3.

### 'Nina: Live'

SOUL siren **Nina's** DVD, "Nina: Live" has debuted at No. 1 in Tower Records' video chart. In the DVD, Nina performs classics like **Chaka Khan's** "Through the Fire," **Brenda Russel's** "Piano in the Dark," and the **Eagles'** "I Can't Tell You Why."

She also does covers of **Aliyah's** "At your Best," **Jennifer Love Hewitt's** "Cool with You," **Julia Fordham's** "Love Moves in Mysterious Ways," and **Celine Dion's** "I love You, Goodbye."

### 'Face: Phase'

FROM June 23 to July 31, **Lindslee** exhibits his artworks in "Face: Phase" at Pasilyo Guillermo Tolentino, third floor hallway, Cultural Center of the Philippines. Call 832-3702.

### Briefing

BRITISH Council Philippines will hold a briefing for people who want to visit or study in the United Kingdom. For students, the dates are July 25, 26 or Aug. 1, 2; for first-time visitors, July 27, 28 or Aug. 3, 4 (2 to 5 p.m., at the Council's Knowledge Learning Center, 10/F Taipan Place, Emerald Avenue, Ortigas Center). Call 914-1011, or visit www.britishcouncil.org.ph.

### Bykes Cafe

ENTERTAINERS at Bykes Cafe, San Lorenzo Village, Makati (call 750-0622): Monday, **Good Vibrations Band/Miami Quarter.** Tuesday, **Maney David Band.** Wednesday, **Cool Change.** Thursday, **Kislev Band.** Friday, **Onda Latina** with **Audrey Cruz.** Saturday, **Batch of '69.**

# Stars 'poor role models,' poll shows

WASHINGTON— Most Americans think movie stars are poor role models and almost half say movies generally aren't as good as they used to be, an AP-AOL poll found.

These, combined with most Americans' preference for watching movies at home, suggest the industry faces challenges if it is to reverse a recent drop in attendance at theaters.

Almost three-fourths, 73 percent, said they would prefer to stay home and watch a movie on their DVD player, VCR or pay-per-view. That's more than three times the number, 22 percent, who said they prefer to watch films at a theater, according to the telephone poll conducted by Ipsos for The Associated Press and AOL News.

Almost half, 47 percent, said movies are getting worse, while a third said they're getting better.

The AP-AOL News poll of 1,000 adults was taken June 13-15 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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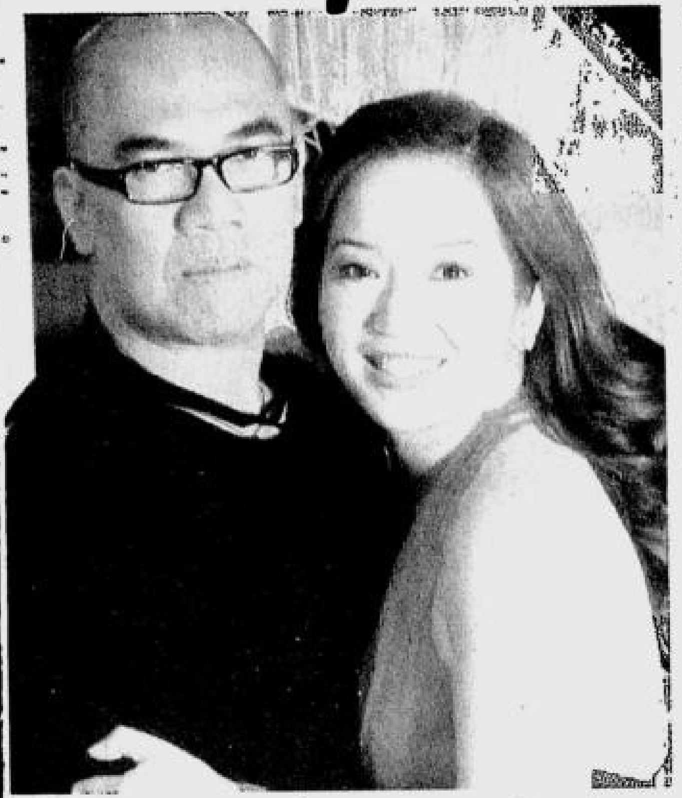
# The buzz on Boy Abunda



'I love this woman. I have no excuse; I just do. She's very complex, extremely brilliant, extremely generous'

WITH his co-host and "sinister sister."

**By Nini Valera**

THE BUZZ on Boy Abunda is that he's finally wedding a woman and having children through artificial insemination.

Of course, this is a big joke, and Boy is the first to laugh.

But Boy takes "The Buzz," his entertainment talk show on ABS-CBN, more seriously than he does himself.

"This business has been very kind to me," Boy told Inquirer Entertainment in an exclusive interview on Friday.

Looking back on six years of "The Buzz," Boy noted that every year, the face of show biz news changed constantly.

"The stories have become bigger," he said. "It's not a formula. There are so many stories that are very big [but] involve not very big stars. The implication is that entertainment

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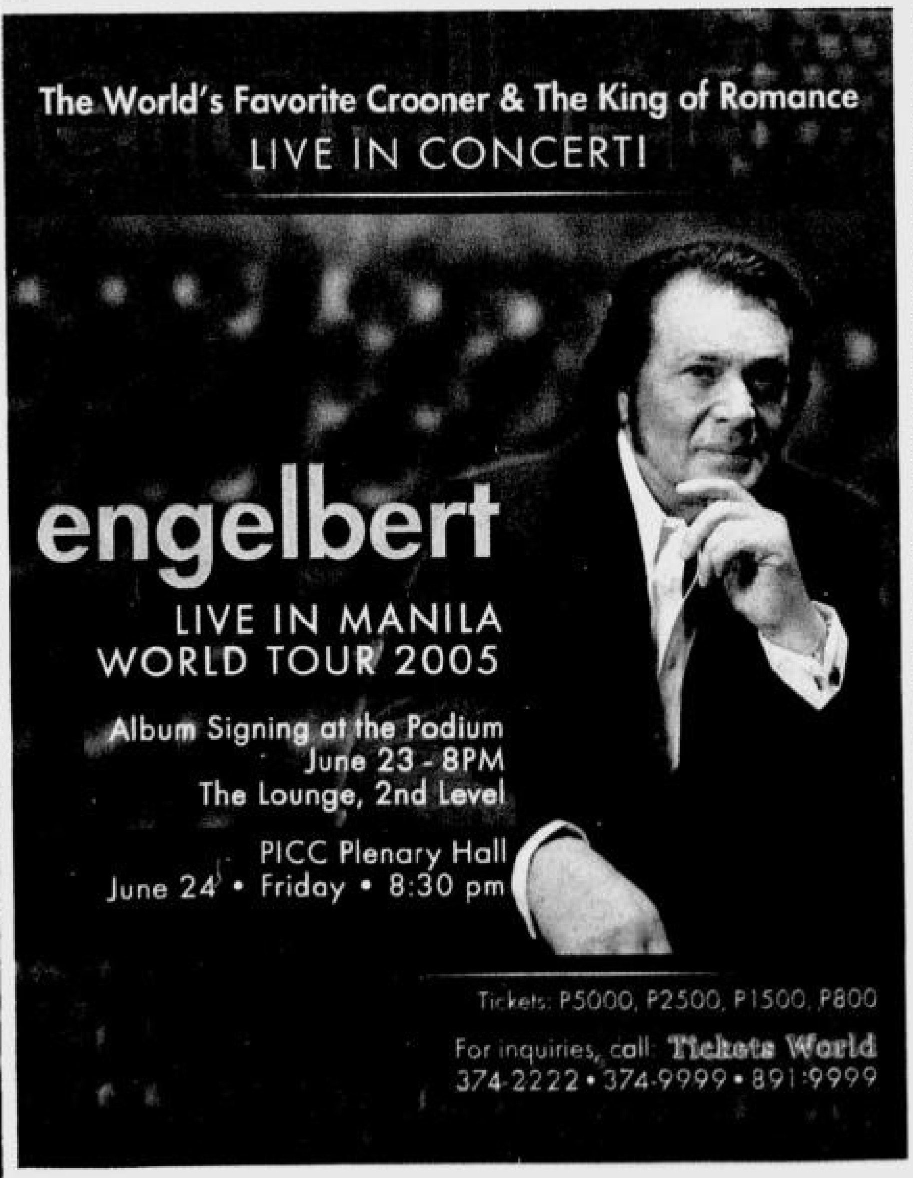

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# Oprah tops Forbes power list

NEW YORK—Talk show queen Oprah Winfrey reigns supreme among celebrities, according to Forbes magazine's power rankings of the top 100 celebrities released on Thursday.

Winfrey moved up from No. 3 in 2004 to supplant "The Passion of the Christ" director Mel Gibson at the top of the list. Golf star Tiger Woods held on to his runner-up position and Gibson slid into third.

The rankings give the most weight to a celebrity's earnings over the past 12 months but also factor in popularity standards, Forbes said.

Winfrey, who draws 30 million viewers weekly in the United States and whose talk show reaches 112 countries, raked in $225 million to rank second in celebrity riches.

Gibson, buoyed by DVD sales of "Passion," earned $185 million. Woods made $87 million from his golf and endorsement deals.

George Lucas, director/producer of the "Star Wars" movies, was fourth on the power list and topped the money table with $290 million made over the past 12 months.

Basketball star Shaquille O'Neal is in fifth place, followed by Steven Spielberg, Johnny Depp, Madonna, Elton John and Tom Cruise. *Reuters*

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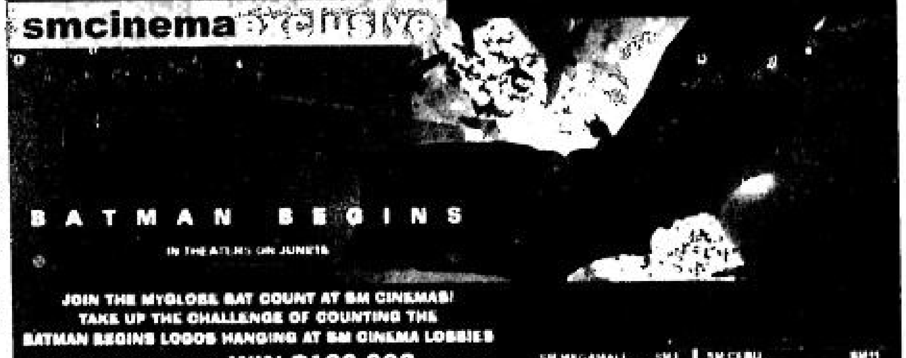
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# Tom proposes to Katie in Paris

PARIS—Screen idol Tom Cruise said Friday he has proposed to his actress girlfriend Katie Holmes at Paris' famed Eiffel Tower, during a visit to promote his latest film, "War of the Worlds."

"I proposed to Katie last night (Thursday—Friday in Manila) because Paris is very beautiful and romantic," the Hollywood star told a media conference.

"She said yes," he added.

## No date yet

He put off answering other questions about the wedding plans, saying they were up to Holmes' father to decide.

For the date of the wedding, Cruise said he was taking it "one step at a time but we'll decide it soon."

The 42-year-old actor, whose 10-year marriage to Nicole Kidman broke up in 2001 and who was also previously married to actress Mimi Rogers, has been going out for three months with 26-year-old Holmes.

## Promo tours

The two found themselves together in Paris because of coinciding publicity tours for their respective films.

Holmes stars in "Batman Begins," which opened worldwide this week, while Cruise's "War of the Worlds" is set to hit theatres over the next two weeks.

Cruise said the night he asked for Holmes' hand was the first time he had seen Paris' most famous monument up close.

"I have never been to the Eiffel Tower before and it's very romantic," he said, adding that the proposal took place at the tower but not at its top.

He left Paris after the media conference for the southern French city of Marseille to continue his promotional tour.

Cruise was previously hooked up with Spanish actress Penelope Cruz for three years, but that relationship ended in January.

US media have in recent weeks been speculating that his latest public romance was designed to boost the Cruise and Holmes' careers and give free plugs to their films.

Unfailingly polite and professional, Cruise has shown to the public only those aspects of his private life that he wishes to have revealed.

In 2003, he won a $10-M judgment against a porn actor who claimed they had sex.

## Dangerous cult

In France, Cruise remains especially discreet about his belonging to the US Church of Scientology. Authorities in Europe consider the sect a dangerous cult.

*AFP*

**IF THIS** is a publicity stunt, it's gone too far.

REUTERS

# Father's Day shows star Jeffrey and Jed

HIDALGO

TWO Universal Records recording artists will be at two different SM Supermalls today, Father's Day. Jeffrey Hidalgo will be at SM Fairview, and Jed Madela will have a show at SM Marilao. Both free showcases start at 5 p.m.

There will be autograph signing sessions after the free show.

SHOW TIME

## Today

"**Daddy Groovy, Baby Hippie,**" a father and child fashion show at **Robinson's Galleria Dreamscape;** 3 p.m.

Father's Day show featuring**Leggiero Strings** at **Taste Buds**, Robinson's Place Manila; 7 p.m.

**Diether Ocampo with Blow Band** at **Metropolis Star Alabang**

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## June 20

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## June 21

**Mocha with Spinart** at **Fiesta San Miguel** , Dusit Hotel Nikko

**Bernie Uy** at **Merk's** with **Route 70**

# The latest buzz on Boy Abunda

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talk show stories are no longer superstar-driven."

He cited the story on escort girls last year as an example, with the until-then-nameless, faceless Keana Reeves as the whistle-blower on a sex scandal that, she alleged, involved elected officials.

"It had nothing to do with any big star but it impacted society," Boy said. "The story was the star."

A shift in perspective has done the show biz talk show genre a lot of good, according to Boy. "It has become more research-based. When we did escort girls, we had to do research."

He added: "The other big stories that come to mind are the death of Rico Yan, when I did the controversial interview with Claudine Barretto in 2002, the feud of the Barretto sisters last year, the Osang saga."

But he contended that the biggest stories in entertainment still come from Kris Aquino, his flamboyant "Buzz" co-host.

"Anything that involves her is a big story," Boy said. "She's Kris. She cuts across various sectors. There's a national fascination for her. I love that woman. She's a very complex, extremely brilliant woman, and extremely generous. I don't have any excuse for loving her. It's like, why do I love my mother? I love her because I love her. I just love that woman. *Kapatid, e.* Sinister sisters."

## Deep connection

The basis of this friendship? "We always talk. The connection is really very deep, it's almost spiritual, though not in a religious sense."

But before Kris there was Rosanna Roces, another "sister," his partner in "Star Talk" before he moved to "The Buzz."

"The only thing about her (Osang) is, I'm not able to see her or speak to her," Boy said. "Kris and I work together and walk the same corridors. Even so, my feelings for Osang have not diminished. *Kapatid, e.* I'd like to think that we're still close, even if I'm not close to her physically."

Then there's Cristy Fermin, the other "Buzz" co-host, who's as personality-driven as Aquino.

"I'm comfortable with both of them," Boy claimed. "Both have very, very strong opinions. I can't imagine how they deal with me; I don't deny I have very strong opinions, too. I don't balance. I just listen to both of them. I don't even reconcile these opinions. I just stay in my space. *Wala kaming problema.*"

"Cristy has never denied her humble beginnings. Neither have I. I am also proud of being a certified social climber, so I'm comfortable with the Cojuangcos and Aquinos.

For the show's anniversary celebration today, "The Buzz" will feature six exclusive and explosive news stories, according to Boy.

"We're constantly re-inventing the show, adding new portions," he said. "Some work, some don't. We always evolve."

But one thing is a constant: "My individuality," Boy proclaimed. "I pride myself in being an interviewer. Talk shows are not a new concept in television. It's my style, my individuality, that makes me different."

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Business Feat… Margie Quimpo-Espino

# Father knows best

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

LIKE any teenager, Jose Rene D. Almendras wanted to drive his own car.

His father, however, would not have his son take any one of the family's sedans for a spin, which would have been the easy thing to do.

Instead, his father promptly asked one of his employees to teach the 14-year-old to drive a tractor.

Rene drove that farm tractor for the rest of the summer, earning him some pocket money and his first lessons on the value of an honest day's work.

This was just one of the ways by which Rene's father instilled in him the valuable work ethic that would eventually take Rene to the presidency of Cebu Holdings Inc., the holding company of Ayala Land Inc.'s real estate interests in the Queen City of the South.

Rene's father taught him another valuable lesson when he went back to Cebu after completing his studies at the Ateneo de Manila University, where he earned a degree in Business Management.

LIKE MOST Cebuanos, Rene Almendras can carry a tune.

## No cushy job

Instead of giving him a cushy job in a nice air-conditioned office, Rene was assigned to work in one of his father's coal mining claims in the remote mountains of Danao, Cebu.

He would drive up every Monday, then go back down to the city on Fridays. In between, he worked with the crew and was responsible for the entire mining operations.

Rene held that job for a year, learning along the way how to deal with people from all walks of life, and to prepare for any possible emergency which, in the mining industry, lurks just around the corner.

He could have chosen to stay with the family business and just wait for a top executive position to fall on his lap.

**FIRST JOB**

But Rene is his father's son, after all, and he wanted to prove his worth.

Thus, he turned to Manila where he believed the challenge lay.

"It broke [my father's] heart, because it was his dream to give one business to each child," Almendras tells SundayBiz. "But I already told him that I would only work with him for a year."

## Proving his worth

When that year was up, he sent out applications to companies in Manila, and he was thrilled when he was hired as a management trainee of the defunct Citytrust Banking Corp. in 1982.

"I was happy because I got the job on my own merit, not because I was my father's son," Almendras says.

He proved his worth and, a year later, he was named officer of the bank. At 24, he was promoted to assistant manager.

The year 1985 saw Almendras going back to Cebu, when Citibank needed somebody to take care of operations in the Visayas.

It was a job that kept Alemendras under considerable stress, even if he relished the daunting challenge of fixing things up in his home province.

The stress, late nights, and lifestyle of constantly being on the go, however, hurt his chances of having a family.

He got married in 1985, and the doctor said he and his wife would not have a baby unless he slowed down and adopted a less stressful lifestyle.

"And so, just a few weeks after I was promoted assistant vice president, I tendered my resignation," Almendras says.

And very humbly, he went back to his father to rejoin the family corporation.

## Lessons learned

"He was rewarded for his sacrifice in 1992 when his wife gave birth to his first child.

Coincidentally, just two weeks before his wife was due to give birth, he got an invitation to rejoin the Citibank group.

The prospect of rejoining the banking world got his adrenaline pumping. He jumped on the chance and returned to Citytrust from 1992 to 1997, when it was acquired by the Bank of the Philippine Islands.

He was part of the merger team, and he was handling his end from Cebu.

When that task was done, he figured it was time to move on, keeping intact the lessons he learned while working with a professional, multinational corporation.

"Citi taught me all about discipline, to think about systems, and to be aware that there is always a better way of doing things, no matter how well the present system works," Almendras says.

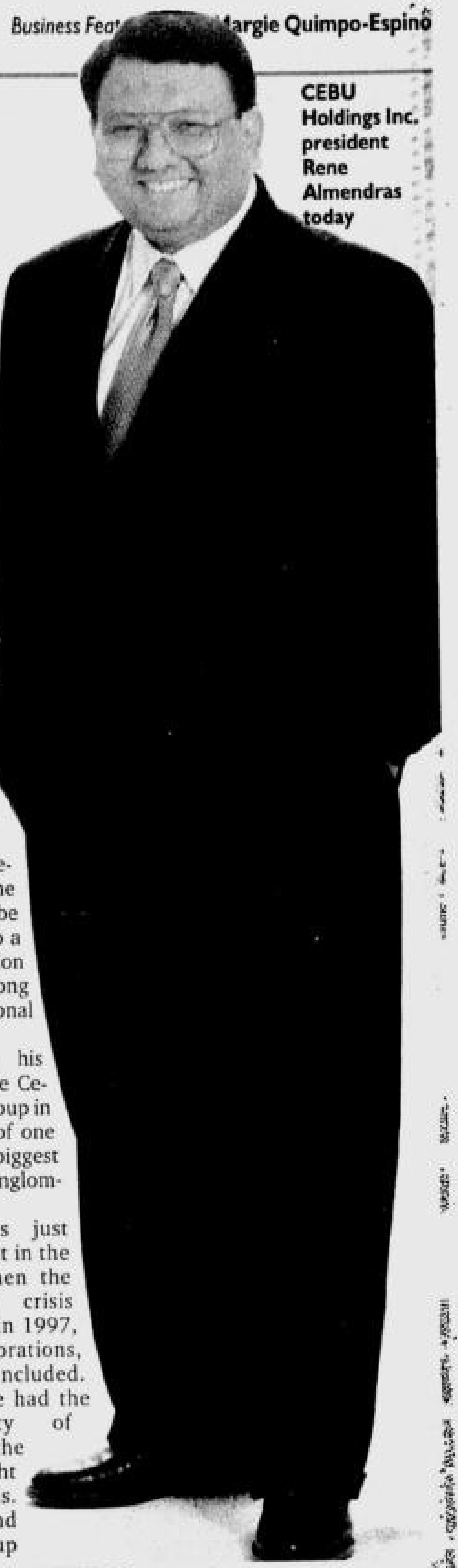
It was also in the Citibank group where he appreciated the value of always being attuned to the changing needs of the customer, to get ahead of competition.

There was a time, for instance, when the bank proudly launched a system, allowing Citibank's tellers to process client's requests quickly and efficiently.

The bank tellers were so good at their job, however, that they failed to even look up and smile at the bank's clients.

This upset the clients, which made Almendras and the team realize that the clients were not so much after the speed at which their transactions were processed, but the quality of the service that they receive.

That system was quickly changed and Citibank remained a favorite among clients, thanks to the quick response to the customers' needs.



CEBU Holdings Inc. president Rene Almendras today

He points to his former boss, Gerry Ablaza, now president of Globe Telecom Inc., as one of his mentors.

"I learned a lot from him," Almendras says of Ablaza. "We worked on a lot of projects together at Citibank."

## Conquering his fears

Happy as he was working with the Citigroup, Almendras left to work for the Aboitiz group.

He was initially reluctant because he thought it might be difficult adjusting to a family-run corporation after working so long for a multinational company.

He conquered his fears and joined the Cebu-based Aboitiz group in 1997 as treasurer of one of the country's biggest and most diverse conglomerates.

Almendras was just getting his feet wet in the Aboitiz group when the Asian currency crisis swept the region in 1997, affecting all corporations, the Aboitiz group included.

As treasurer, he had the unenviable duty of weathering the storm brought about by the crisis. But he made it, and the Aboitiz group

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# Key to real success: 'Bulletproof integrity'

"Integrity Is All You've Got"
By Karl Eller
*McGraw-Hill, 2005*

**By Dante M. Velasco**
*Contributor*

**EXECUTIVE READ**

WITHOUT meaning to, this book is as timely as the headlines in print and broadcast media in this part of the world.

I am referring to the political and ethical dilemma our head of state has been thrown into—to speak or not to speak about wiretapped voices. And to speak or not to speak the truth about her kin's involvement in "jueteng"—an illegal numbers game.

From this book, here's a quote that may show her the light at the end of a dark tunnel. It begins with a question: "What should you do when your reputation takes a major hit?"

Answer: "Don't hide, deny, dissemble or fake the truth. Above all, don't lie. Face the facts. Speak immediately and frankly. Nothing disarms your critics as being totally candid and quickly correcting whatever went wrong."

The author says it simply on another page: "A straight shooter is someone who does what's right and keeps his or her word."

This book is entitled, "Integrity Is All You've Got," and yet it turns out to be an insightful guide for entrepreneurs—and leaders—about selling, creativity, hammering out win-win formulas, opportunity-seeking, making connections, the joy of giving—and, of course, success because (not in spite of) integrity.

Karl Eller, a billionaire who made good in the billboards business, tells his story with distilled truths. You sit up and listen, because the insights come from someone who, in his words, has his "follies, takeoffs, crashes, comebacks and final reckoning."

It is one thing to talk about integrity or earning trust—but it's another to live a life of complete honesty.

The author, after whom a school of management was named, has lived integrity first—and now is talking about it.

In other words, unlike many people we know, he has remarkably gone beyond paying lip service to this much desired virtue.

Speaking of trust, Eller is laconic: "Your handshake matches the tightest contract drawn up by the fanciest law firm in town."

"I've been around long enough to confirm that integrity is key to business life and success. Integrity is what allows you and me to trust each other. Without it, we begin suspecting and then fearing each other, and soon bad things happen."

Written on a prominent wall at the Eller College of Management is a quote from the author:

"Without integrity, motivation is dangerous; without motivation, capacity is impotent; without capacity, understanding is limited; without understanding, knowledge is meaningless; without knowledge, experience is blind."

The book laments that "the priority of MBA students seems to be learning a thousand ways to kill your competitors, rather than the one true way to really succeed - develop bulletproof integrity."

At the home front, this seems to be not the case. My alma mater, the Asian Institute of Management, has ethics in its curriculum—so with other major graduate business schools.

While the author devotes an entire discussion titled "Integrity is your only collateral," he dishes out words of wisdom on succeeding as an entrepreneur, and yet still peppered with ideas on forthrightness and earning trust.

For salesmen, he has a brilliant one-liner: "Love selling and sell what you love."

For those having a problem with optimism, he quotes Winston Churchill: "A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

And idea makers, this quote is graphic: "Minds are like parachutes; they work only when open."

He has advice for CEOs who think they can take over any company, even in a different industry—and erroneously think they can succeed: "If you're going to take over a business, you had best arrive with a real understanding of what makes it work."

"I learned that lesson the hard way," he says, and he relates heartbreaking stories when he lost billions of dollars because of disastrous decisions.

What about the seeming staple of entrepreneurs—luck? Quoting his friend, Mort Feinberg, he writes: "You need to keep running, so that when the train comes by you're ready to jump on. If you keep missing the train, you have no one but yourself to blame."

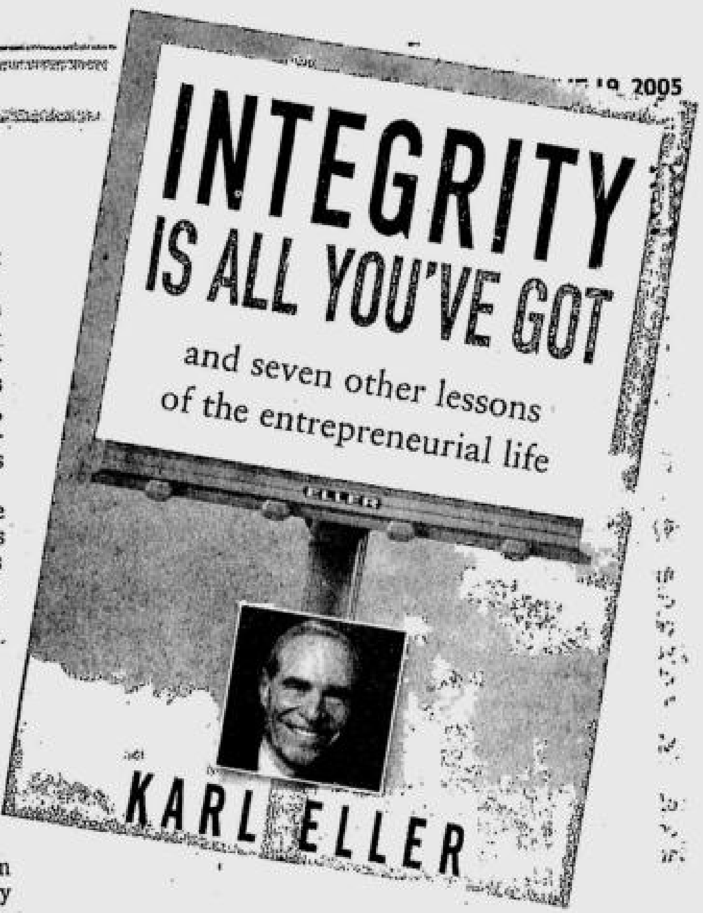
This book is for rising managers—and for CEOs who must still run their businesses and are daily confronted with ethical decisions.

The book also throws in nuggets of wisdom on what makes business a calling and an exciting life's work.

After giving us the impression that everything is business to him, using all his waking hours thinking and concluding business deals, he dishes out a life-saving advice. He asks: "How do you keep failure from wrecking your life?

His answer could prevent a disastrous bout with depression: "Business is only part of life, and not the most important. Your family, your friends, role as citizen of your community and nation—these are what counts."

After reading this book, remember the truth in Oliver Wendell Holmes' quote: "Man's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never goes back to its original dimension." *(dantemvelasco@yahoo.com)*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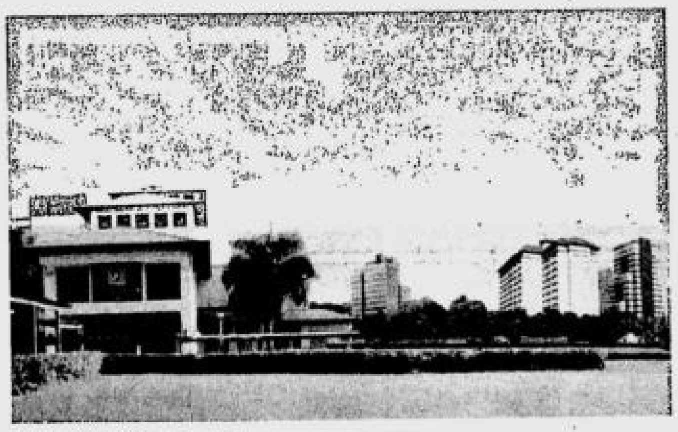
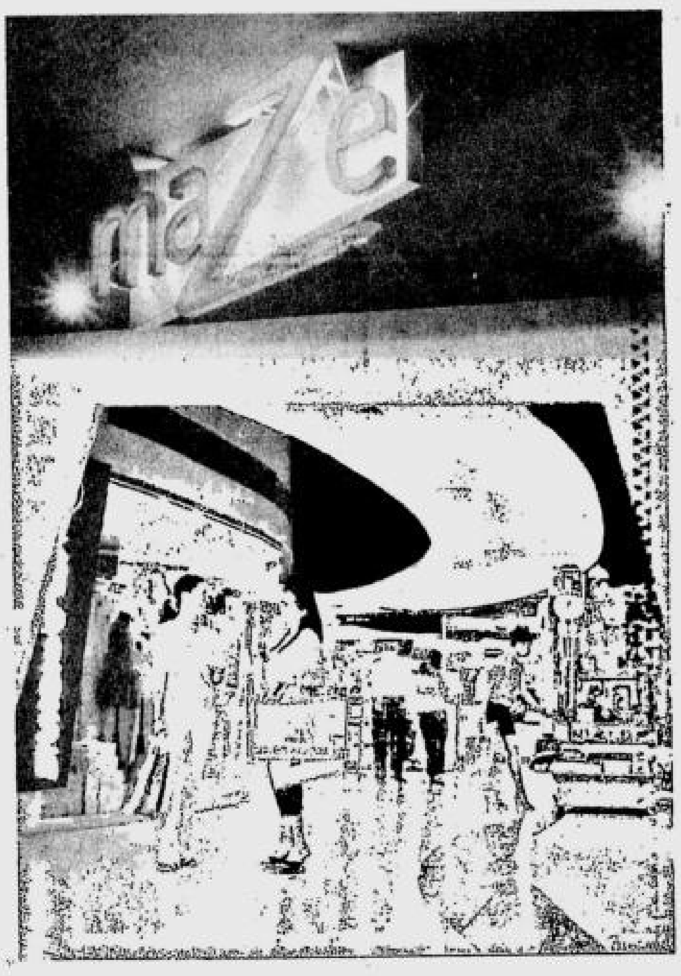


**CEBU Holdings Inc.'s Cebu Business Park.**



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# Father knows best

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emerged from the crisis relatively unscathed.

And just when he thought his banking days were behind him, he was tasked by the Aboitiz group to head City Savings Bank and grow its portfolio.

It eventually became one of the biggest in Cebu.

"If the Citi group taught me about systems, Aboitiz taught me about heart, that not everything is about business," Almendras says.

Thus, it was with a heavy heart that he left the Aboitiz group in 2001 to take on his latest challenge, which was to head Cebu Holdings Inc.

"Jon and Bobby Aboitiz were more than my bosses, we have remained very good friends," Almendras says. "It was after a nice and long conversation with them when I said I was leaving. They just said that joining the Ayala group would be good for me and good for Cebu."

He says he must have left a job he enjoyed because the youth in him wanted to try something new, to chase after new windmills.

And chase he did in his new industry of real estate.

## From strength to strength

Since he took over, Cebu Holdings' income has been on an uptrend with first quarter income this year surpassing last year's by 34 percent, with consolidated income reaching P28.8 million.

The Ayala Center Cebu, which is one of the biggest sources of income of Cebu Holdings, was named Most Outstanding Shopping Mall during the Metro Cebu awards of the Philippine Marketing Association, and Cebu Holdings Inc. itself was named best real estate company in the Visayas and Mindanao.

Going from strength to strength is one thing that gets Almendras' creative juices flowing.

"I get tremendous satisfaction in outdoing ourselves," he says. "We have no choice because the reality is that competition will always be there. We cannot afford to stop innovating. The day we stop doing that is the day we close ... customers' standards are always going up."

## Doing things right

Innovating and keeping ahead of competition also means doing business the right way, which is something that the Zobel family has always stressed.

"The Zobels always emphasize doing things right, and doing the right thing, even if it is not convenient ... even if it takes longer [or costs more]," he says. "They also emphasize that we have a responsibility to the community, which is also something that the Aboitiz group believes in."

Almendras, however, says that despite having learned a lot from mentors and bosses throughout his career, he still turns to his father's work ethic for inspiration.

"He woke up at 5 every morning looking forward to work. He always said that the worst day is an unproductive day," he says.

Almendras, thankfully, has no plans yet of being unproductive.

# Empowering the youth for a better, fuller life

TWENTY-FOUR-YEAR-OLD Jimmy of Davao thought he would never complete the education that would guarantee him employment and a secure future.

Poverty hindered his dream. Still, he hoped to finish school, thus, Jimmy came to the Don Bosco Center in Makati City upon a priest's recommendation.

He took up automotive training courses at Don Bosco Technical Institute (DBTI), a training center for poor out-of-school youth. It was then that he saw a glimmer of hope for a brighter future.

## Vocational courses

Jimmy is one of the hundreds of young men who have completed vocational-technical courses at DBTI.

Established in 1971, DBTI accepts young men aged 17-24 who come from poor families and are unable to attend college.

DBTI offers courses in automechanics, general electronics refrigeration and aircon technology, industrial electronics, ship mechanics, and fitter machinery.

"Without proper education, the cycle of poverty from one generation to the next will remain. The marginalized youth, without proper education, are doomed to life of desperate poverty," shares Salesian Bro. Elmer Rodriguez, technical director of DBTI's Manpower Skills Training Center.

Trainees spend 10 months learning theory and five months on-the-job training to hone their technical skills and develop a good work ethic in preparation for the real world.

"This orientation scheme introduces the boys to an industrial setting that demands hard work and quality," Bro. Elmer says.

In addition to their training, the boys attend regular spiritual retreats, recollections and prayers to deepen their spirituality.

Finally, co-curricular activities are offered to improve the boys' personality and social skills, and instill in them a strong sense of moral values.

## Quality training

Though courses are offered for free, DBTI still had to have adequate facilities for quality training that would give its graduates a fighting chance in the job market.

DBTI thus sought funding from various corporations, especially those with a good track record for helping.

Caltex Philippines Inc. was one of these.

"We saw an opportunity for a partnership, and not just a dole-out kind of relationship. We believe that it is our responsibility to use our resources to train and empower the disadvantaged youth" says Marian Catedral, Caltex manager for policy, government and public affairs.

DBTI became one of the beneficiaries of the Caltex Fund, a scholarship program designed to equip disadvantaged youth with skills that will enable them to lead productive lives.

The Caltex Fund exposes young people to practical courses, and provides support for infrastructure improvement and livelihood projects.

Recently, Caltex donated P1 million, which will be used as a scholarship for technical skills training.

## Dollar earners

In addition, under the Caltex In-Plant Training Program, the youth undergoing the mandatory five-month on-the-job training can have hands-on learning at participating Caltex Xpress Lube stations on operating equipment, conducting automotive tests, handling cash and receipts, and providing customer service.

Caltex has also just donated a lifter from Xpress Lubes to continually upgrade the auto-mechanics training facilities of the school.

According to the DBTI Placement Office statistics, a few of the graduates are now dollar earners abroad.

"Our boys do well for themselves when they start working. It makes us proud to see how successful they have become," says Don Bosco Parish Church Rector Fr. Salvador Pablo.

Jimmy, who finished his course last September and has previously worked for a reputable photo processing company, is now busy looking for his second job.

Yet, he still finds the time to visit Don Bosco.

"My parents are proud of me because I was the only one among my siblings who finished school. I want to establish myself financially before I go back to Davao," Jimmy says.

Bro. Elmer expresses gratitude that his boys, who used to go about life without hope, have been empowered—thanks to those who have aided the school.

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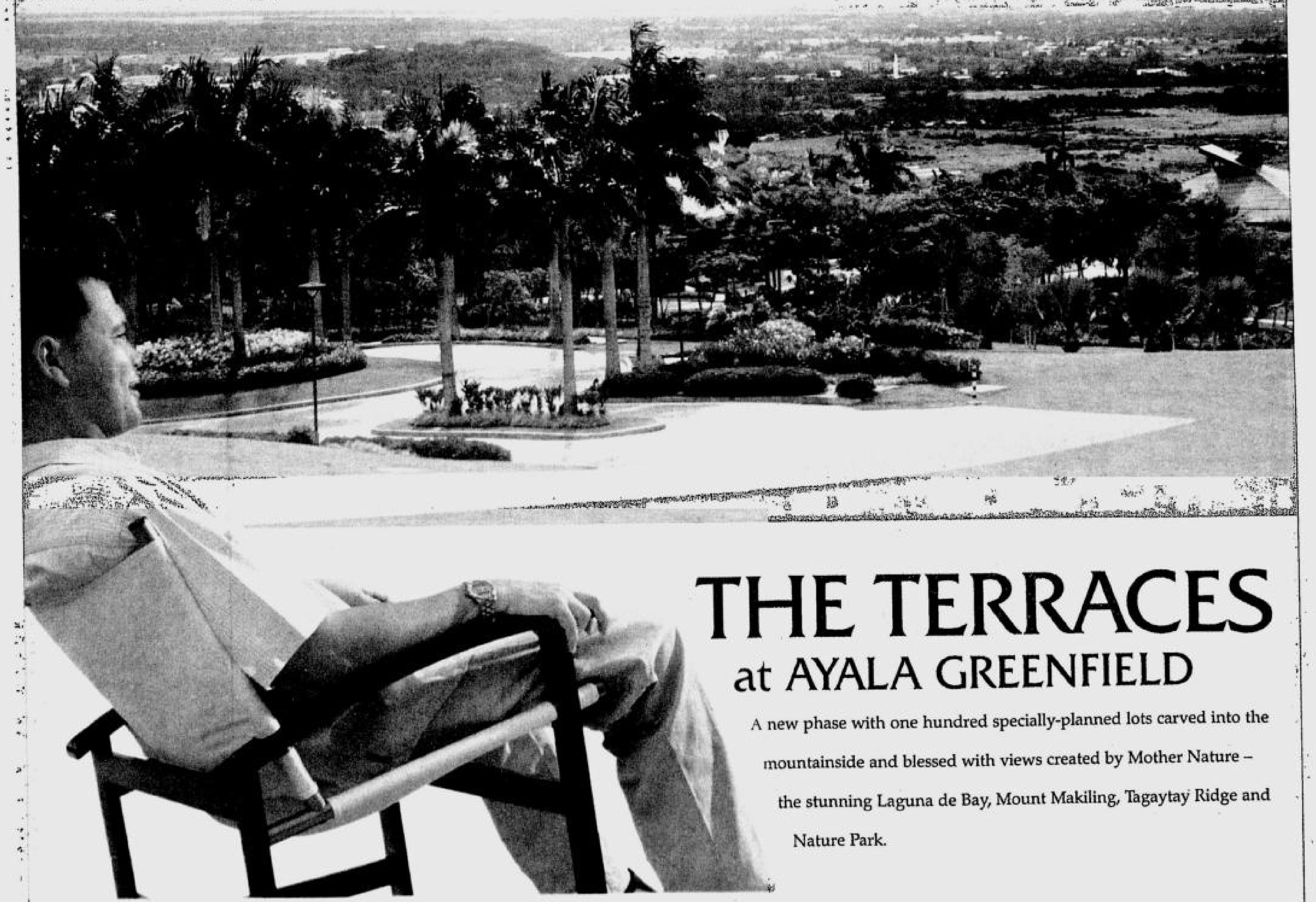

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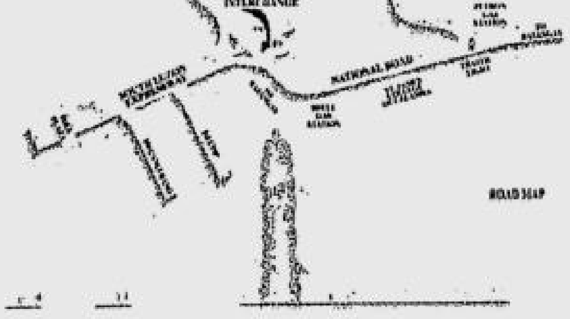

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# Belle's farm lot project sales hit P1B mark

BELLE Corp achieved a notable milestone by reaching P1 billion in gross value of lots sold in its Plantation Hills subdivision. Plantation Hills, Belle's farm lots subdivision in Tagaytay Highlands complex with average lot sizes of 1,000 square meters is Belle's premium product designed for green-thumbed urbanites and weekend farmers.

Belle launched Plantation Hills towards the end of the third quarter of 2003. As of end 2003, all lots in the initial phase offered were fully sold. This very positive market response inspired Belle to open up two new phases during the first quarter of 2004. This also marked the unveiling of their phases' names: The Sanctuary, The Ridge, and The Meadows, respectively. As of April 2005, an overall 87 percent of the total offered lots in these first three phases have been sold, generating about P1.024 billion in gross sales value. Going prices are now P4,400 per sqm, compared to P3,000 per sqm when the first phase of the project was introduced.

In view of this great demand, Belle is expanding Plantation Hills with the opening of The Heights, located in the highest plateau of Plantation Hills, as its next phase.

In the very near term, Belle plans to start construction on a new Country Club which will include indoor badminton and tennis courts, and medical and wellness facilities in the Plantation Hills area. This is in line with the thrust of Belle to fully exploit the leisure potentials of Tagaytay Highlands. Belle continues to be at the forefront in the development of environment-friendly and family-oriented leisure and retirement communities in the Philippines.

Aside from Plantation Hills, Belle is also selling briskly its club shares and units at The Parks at Saratoga Hills. The Parks at Saratoga Hills is an American country-themed house and lot subdivision located adjacent to Plantation Hills, and right across the anticipated new Country Club.

**TRANSCO PROJECT KICKS OFF CABLE-LAYING PROCESS**

National Transmission Corp (TransCo) president Alan T. Ortiz, Ph.D., shows the route of the underground cable lines of the Leyte-Cebu Interconnection Uprating (LCIUP) project to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo during the latter's visit to Daanbantayan, Cebu last May 7. President Arroyo was on hand for the ceremonial rites to kickoff the submarine cable-laying process for the $68.5-million LCIUP, TransCo's biggest project in the Visayas, which is set for completion in October this year. The project, one of the medium term solutions committed by the Arroyo administration to plug the power deficit in the Visayas, will provide another 200MW of electricity from Leyte to the power-hungry islands of Cebu, Negros and Panay. Aside from President Arroyo, provincial, local and business leaders attended the start of the cable-laying process. Beside President Arroyo is 4th District of Cebu Representative Clavel Martinez.

**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT AT ATENEO PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS**

Georgetown University president Dr. John J. DeGoia, the first lay president of the Jesuit University, recently addressed the graduate student of the Ateneo Professional Schools in Rockwell Center, Makati. DeGoia challenge college and professional students to face the social responsibility brought by their education as only one and a half percent of the world's population have the opportunity to attend college. Those in graduate school will be in the best position to affect change. He also cited the Ateneo's efforts to meet this challenge such as the Ateneo Graduate School of Business' Mulat-Diwa program on domestic poverty, the Law School's Human Rights Center and Legal Aid program and the School of Government's projects for the improvement of primary education, public health and community building.

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Makati City Mayor Jejomar Binay presents a 'green award' to Manila Water at the recent Earth Day celebrations held at Glorieta 3 Ayala Mall. The multi-sectoral event was held in a partnership with the Makati city government, Ayala Corporation, the Makati Environment Foundation, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and the Department of Education (DepEd). Mayor Binay cited Manila Water's program to expand sewerage and sanitation services in the east zone of Metro Manila as one of the major components in the strategy to improve the quality of the environment. Manila Water sustainable development manager Jeric Sevilla and corporate communications director Joel Lacsamana receive the award as Marivic Anunuevo, group head, Ayala Land, and Roland Young, president of the Makati Environment Foundation, look on.

**IAEWP AWARDS MUEBLES ITALIANO PRESIDENT**

International Association of Educator for World Peace names Noel J. Gonzales as Peace Awardee, president and CEO of Muebles Italiano (3rd from left). Shown with him are (from left) Senor Escobar, Baby Escueta Luat, Peace Awardee for Education, Former First Lady Madam Imelda Romualdez Marcos, Lolita Escobar Mirpuri, Peace Awardee for International Understanding and Dr. Josef de Ulbano, DSC national chancellor of IAEWP Philippines, organizer of the event.

# A perfect gift for a great dad

ARE you looking for the perfect gift for Dad this Fathers' Day? Give him something different from all the usual gifts that he has been receiving all these times - the pens, the handkerchiefs, the neckties, the wallets. Give dad something that he would surely find very useful and that he would appreciate and consider a lasting gift from one very close to his heart. Whether he is still at his rigid schedule of office or business work, or at his relaxed pace of enjoying his leisure in retirement, dad can always make use of Caha de Oro's Drawer organizers to manage and manifest a clutter-free desk or work station; or even perhaps an attic of document files or a garage of working tools and instruments.

Dad will surely appreciate and cherish your practical choice of Caha de Oro's Ventura chest and drawers. These are the modern space savers that accord their users convenience and utility value benefits with aesthetic features of an elegant and sleek design that would easily fit into any corner or space in dad's office or bedroom. Caha de Oro's Ventura design comes with a leather-like finish and smooth- edged dimensions that are a product of precise craftsmanship. Its durability features the double tubular support and sealed bottoms which ensure long lasting storage of even the most fragile of documents and folders. Dad will never have to worry of those important papers being spoiled in storage. Caha de Oro's 18-karat gold plated locks guarantee and secure all those valuable items that need to be placed under lock and key - his jewelry, cash, credit cards and the like. Personal effects and toiletries can be neatly placed and kept inside separate compartments.

Caha de Oro's Ventura also features an overnight organizer with a grooming mirror at the back of the lid. This will serve as dad's good grooming check point each time he sees mom's pictures in the photo holders by the overnight organizer. And of course the Ventura's alarm clock will always come in handy to remind dad of the things he has scheduled to do.

Ventura is the latest quality product of Orocan, the brand name that revolutionized plastics for more than two decades now. Orocan products are made only from virgin resin plastics and are all durable and built to last a lifetime.

# New travel show to promote RP

IT SEEMS tourism has become the "in" thing nowadays. What with our Department of Tourism aggressively encouraging everyone to visit our local destinations and the tour operators, travel agents and even the local government units doing their share not only to promote these places but also to make sure that tourists would have a truly memorable and enjoyable trip.

In support of the tourism department's campaign - which started during former secretary and now Sen. Richard Gordon's WOW Philippines! up to the Biyahe Na! I Love Philippines of Secretary Ace Durano - a new travel and lifestyle show which would showcase the beauty and diversity of the country's 7,107 islands has hit the airwaves.

"Trip Ko 'To," can now be seen on TV from 2:30 to 3 p.m. over ABC 5. It would also be aired over Mabuhay Channel, the Filipino Cable Channel owned by ABC 5 in the US. Hosting the show are commercial models KC Aglian and Jerome Aquino, and "May Bukas Pa" and "Anna Karenina" mainstay Yves Gonzalez.

The show would be as hip as possible as it target viewers as young as 17 though the whole program would appeal to a broad segment of the viewing public.

Aside from featuring our country's diverse destinations, "Trip Ko 'To" would also share a lot of things to the viewers.

It would provide tips on the things you can do in your chosen destination and would also present interviews on experts such as in scuba diving, wind surfing, snorkeling, among others. This would be sort of on-air lessons to enthusiasts. Food or cuisine especially those which are unique to these places, tour packages so travelers would be given choices and how to get there and budget tips would also be shared in the show.

Budgeting would be an important aspect of the program as it would try to encourage families, employees, friends, barkadas and even students to travel around the country out of the limited budget they have.

Each episode would be preserved in DVD format which would be distributed to tour operators, travel agencies and tourism offices nationwide and in selected Asian countries.

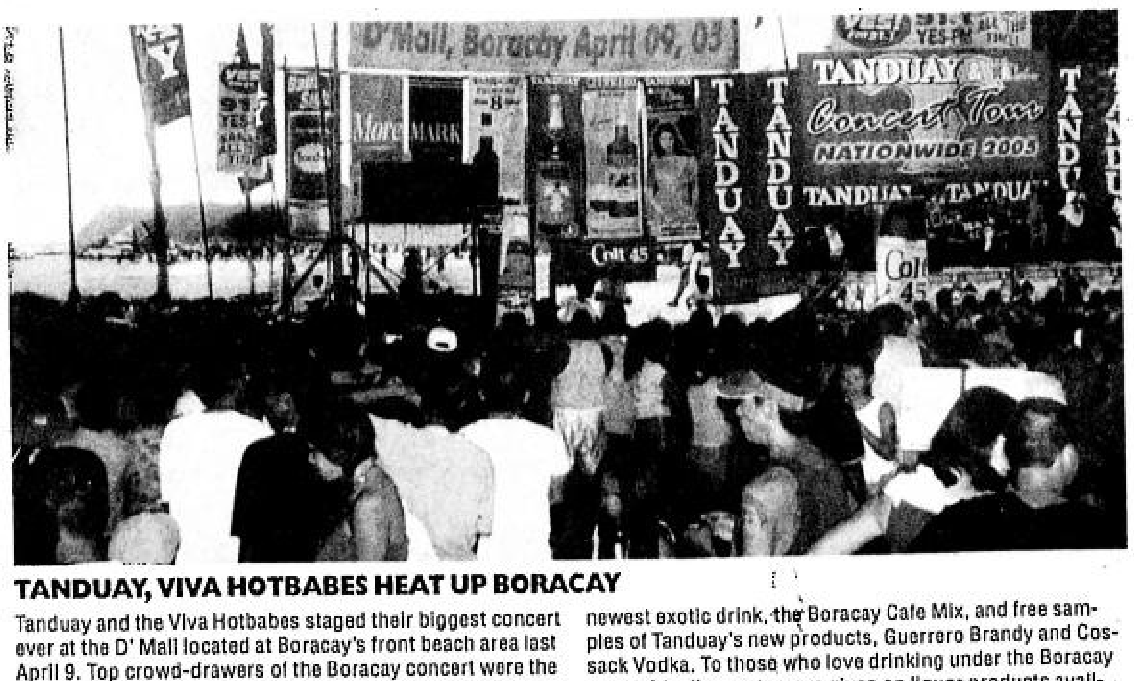
The show hopes to be a partner in promoting local tourism and culture preservation in a way no other show has done on television.

"Trip Ko 'To" is produced by Mediaworx International with the Department of Tourism and the Philippine Travel and Tourism Council, as co-presentors. For inquiries, call 687-4812, 687-3690 or (0918) 9004811.

## ProductFILES

### Give dad his due

THERE'S still plenty of time to give dad more than a tie this year for Father's Day. Enjoy a special meal with him, for a change. The LJC Restaurant Group, which includes the Café Adriatico and Café Havana outlets, Bistro Remedios, Ang Hang, Bollywood Bistro Bar, and the In The Mood Ballroom Dance Studio, offers fantastic, value-filled dining experiences, in over 13 outlets nationwide. Here's an On-the-House Treat. Dad dines free for every group of give in the following outlets: Café Adriatico Premiere in Malate, Café Adriatico Eastwood in Libis Café Adriatico Gateway at the Araneta Center; Café Havana Malate, Gateway and Cebu and at Bistro Remedios in Malate. Or you can take him to a buffet extravaganza for lunch and dinner at Café Adriatico Westgate in Alabang, or luunch at Café Havana Greenbelt and Ang Hang in Malate for only P450+/person, again free for Dads in a group of five. He probably gave his friends a cigar when you were born . He was proud. Now give him a cigar on Father's Day, compliments of our Café Havana outlets. In other outlets, "Greatest Dad T-Shirts" are given for free instead, for dads who dine with a brood of four, valid while supply lasts. But more than our perks on Dad's Day, it's the thought that counts, so don't forget to remember him in a special way on Father's Day.



**TANDUAY, VIVA HOTBABES HEAT UP BORACAY**

Tanduay and the Viva Hotbabes staged their biggest concert ever at the D' Mall located at Boracay's front beach area last April 9. Top crowd-drawers of the Boracay concert were the sexy Viva Hotbabes Anna Leah Javier and Asia Agcaoili. During the entire event, the crowd was treated to Tanduay's newest exotic drink, the Boracay Cafe Mix, and free samples of Tanduay's new products, Guerrero Brandy and Cossack Vodka. To those who love drinking under the Boracay moon, big discounts were given on liquor products available at Tanduay booths installed around the beach area.

# A DAD'S DAY Treat

DADDY,

WE MISS YOU!

Happy Father's Day!

BOBOY, CHING, NANNIE,
JO, NONOY, NENE &
BOBBY AND MOMMOY

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calm of a placid lake,
strength of a tree,
warmth of a summer
sun, majesty of a
mountain...

to our dearest däddycööl~
we love you very much!
€marís+efren = j.r.+mel+precious

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**Papa,**

**Thanks for being there
when we needed you.
And for your unending
support**

**To our wishes
To our dreams
To our lives**

**We would not have
been here without you.**

**We love you.**

**Sher Kim Don Ker**

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Thinking now, with gratitude
Of all your good advice
Of your guidance through the years
and all your sacrifices
Of times when you, as fathers can do
have lent a helping hand
Of times you have really listened too
and tried to understand

Thinking how you have shown support
by simply being there.
Thinking too a father like you
is wonderful and rare

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VERY MUCH

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Amang Popoy
Inocencio

Happy Father's
Day!
We love you!

**Love,
Inocencio, Mendoza,
Lacia Family**

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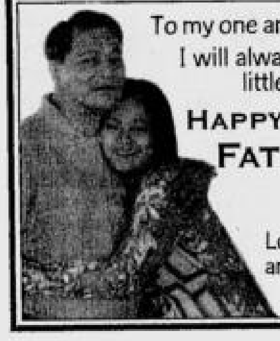

To my one and only PAPA:
I will always be your
little girl.
HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!

Love you always
and forever,
Anne

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Dear Daddy Jimmy,
We'll forever be grateful to
God for giving us a
wonderful dad.

Happy Father's
Day!

God bless you always.
Love,
Mommy Nellie • Bryan •
Jeng & Jetti • Jerry •
Julie & Kids

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Dearest Papa,

Thank you for all the love & care
you showered us.

Happy Father's Day!

Hugs & kisses,
Emma, Bhabes & Lamor

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DEAR DADDY RENE:

We are blessed,
having a kind
& loving
father like you.

LOVE FROM US

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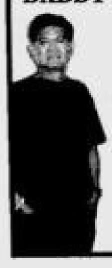
**HAPPY FATHER'S
DAY,
DADDY TONY!**



We
LOVE
you,
Roger,
Mary,
Ging,
Nico &
Alexis

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**Papa,**

You have always been there
when we need someone
Providing support
in everything we do
Whether it be studies, girls,
or business
You always make sure
we grow up
Ready to face the world

While we have a lot
to be thankful for
We thank foremost
that you were our dad.

*Happy Father's Day.*

Love,
**Den Arn Kim Don**

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**Dearest Tatay Rading Inocencio,**

WE CAN'T ask for more because you have given us the best gift a father can give his children – your faithfulness and enduring love for our nanay. We love you beyond the stars.

**Tim • Poy • Nad**

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**Daddy Gerry,**

Happy
Father's
Day!

**We love you!**

***Love,***
***Nestor, Tonet, Jet, Jerio***

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**Papa Noel,**
Thank you for
all the LOVE
and CARE.
**Nic & Iann**

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***Papa Nhol,***

We hardly see what's
inside you, still we
know you're a kind
and loving father &
a husband.
**Happy Birthday &
Happy Father's Day
too.**

*Love,*
**Mama Elvie
& UR KIDZ**

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**dearest dad,**
***Happy Father's Day!***
**Love you!**
**Rosh**

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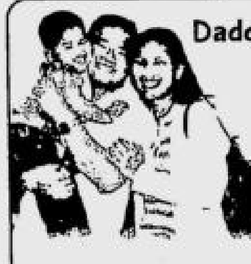

**Daddy Ronald,**

**Happy
Father's
Day!**

We love you.

**Mommy Maricel and Paolo**

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To: Papa
Thank You For the Love
and Support. We Love You!
Happy Father's Day
From: Raymund, Beng
Pio, Jose & Thean

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**Thank you for always
being there for me.
I love you!
Happy
Father's
Day!**
**Baby Cll 4**

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***Dear Daddy Bio***

Thank
you for
being
a great
father
to all
of us!

I love you
very much
♥ *judith*

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*Dear Itay Ben,*

*Happy
Father's Day!*

*From:
All of us*

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*To: Rading, Roland, Joban,
Philip, Tito Sonny & Tito Boy*

***Happy Father's Day!***

*From:
Lanz, Isa, Monica, Nathan, Bryan, Shane,
Dianne, Diyong, Maryjane, Sonia & Chibi*

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To: Rey, Emil, Lito,
Arnel, Jun
Happy Father's Day!
May the Lord
give you good
health.
From:
Tita Vangie & Tita Beth

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**Papa Art,
Happy
Father's Day
to a
SUPERPAPSKI!
Love, Mama Liway,
Arlene, Atoie & Amel**

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Dear Daddy,
Happy
Father's Day!
♥ We love you!
Love, Monet, Ruth,
Jason & Joy

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To: Kuya Dave, Kuya Marvin, Kuya Erning,
Kuya Tony, Sammy, Pastor Raymundo
Happy Father's Day To All!
*May God give you strength and
good health.*
From:
*God Bless You All!* Vangie & Beth

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*Tatay Efren,*

***Happy
Father's Day!***

*From:
Josie, Moises, Moimoi*
Vannys California

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*Dear Papa
Carleng,*

***Happy
Father's Day!***

*From:
Lea, Alo & Omnick*

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To: Ed Angeles, Danny Garces, Ariel Salonga, Rene Apolinario, Ed Gonio, Danny De Leon, Willie Monillas, Sir Rudy Fabregas, Danny Tejada, Claro Estavillo, Erning Donisio, Danny Espejo, Mon Aganan, Ric Hiraw, Eelco Escueta, Chito Cruz, Ric Yambao. Atty. Adam Safe and all my batchmate. And also to Ador de Guzman, Butch Santiago, Joey Tiu, Darry Mendoza

***Happy Father's Day To All!***

May God give you
strength and
good health!

From:
Beth & Vangie

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Dear Daddy Lolo,
HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY
We Love You...
Love, MICOY
♥ &JARELL

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To the SUPER-DADs
of PDI-Megamall
(Arnold, Arnel &
Randy),
HAPPY FATHER'S
DAY!
♥ From:
JOY T.

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*Dear Tatay Tony,*

*Happy Father's Day!
Thank you for everything
and for being a good
father to us.
God Bless & We love you...*

*From:
Jennelyn*

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*To my Dearest Tatay,
Musta na? Kmi d2 ok
lang. Ingat kayo lagi.
Salamat sa lahat,
Love You.
Thanks to all
Happy Father's Day!!!
From: Ybmo*

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Tatay Jim Montesines

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY at
FATHER'S DAY!
We love you so much...**

**Nanay Naty, Joseph, Jess, Jun, Jon,
Neneng, Mimay, Lala, in-laws and
grandchildren**

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*Dear Tatay,*

*You don't know how much
you mean to us. We
treasure everything you've
done for us.
Thank you for everything.
Happy Father's Day!*

*From: Liezel*

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*Dad,*

*Happy Father's Day!!!
Thanks for being such a
nice and good Father to us.
I love you for that long
life for you and you're
the best!!!*

*From: Yanyan*

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*Tay,*

*Even if I don see you since I was
born, yet your presence Still
around because it's your love
that connect us
Happy Father's Day!
Mahal na Mahal ka naming lahat...
Happy Father's Day to all my uncle
and to my Kuya Mike and Tatay Ato*

*From: Liezel*

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To our Dear Father,
AMBRENG GARCIA
BOY ACADEMIA
Happy
Father's Day!
Ambo & Aileen

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You're the best father in the world,
Daddy Bing! God Bless You.
I Love You Very Much
♥ Ineng

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*Dear Daddy,*

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!**

*We're lucky to have you.
We love you and we wish
you happiness &
the best of health.*

From: Mahar, Mara,
Kano and MOMMY

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DADA,

*We will not give up
trying to make u more
happy, more contented
and more loved.*

Happy
Father's Day

kix aya & oyo

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HAPPY
Father's
DAY

Papa Boy

**We Love
You!**

Liza & Bing

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HAPPY
Father's
DAY

**Papa Alvin**

**We Love
You!**

Nana, Nonin,
Gelo

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**Daddy Pedro,**

Happy
Father's Day!
Stay healthy and
God bless you
more!

**Love,
Aning,
Gladys &
Grace
Samonte**

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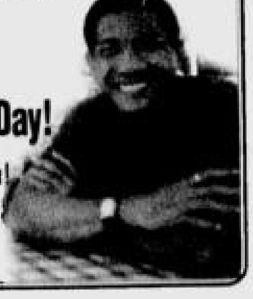
To the coolest Dad:
**Daddy Lileng,**

You rock!

**Happy Dad's Day!**

We Love You!

**Mommy Lita
and Ling-ling**



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Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Norma C. Pancho has been extrajudicially settled by her heir as per extra-judicial settlement of estate with doc. no. 194, page no. 40, book no. 156, series of 2005 of the Notarial Registry of Atty. Antonio B. Romulo, notary public for and in the Province of Bulacan
(PDI-June 12, 19 & 26, 2005)

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late MARCELO PAGLINAWAN DE GUZMAN has been extrajudicially settled by his heirs as per Doc. No. 295; Page No. 60; Book No. 144; Series of 2005, before Notary Public Imelda Jiro Cruz-Nery of Makati City.
(PDI - June 19, 26 & July 3, 2005)

Notice is hereby given that Flordeliza Gloria has self-adjudicated unto herself the estate of her late parents Florencia & Isaac Ben Gloria. Same was transferred to Renaldo Diaz per Doc. 34; Page 7; Book XIV; 2005 Series before Notary Public Atty. Danilo Leyble of Antipolo City (PDI-June 12, 19, 26, 2005)

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(PDI—June 12, 19 & 26, 2005)

First Prayer
O Great St. Joseph of Cupertino who while on earth did obtain from God the grace to be asked at your examination only the questions you knew, obtain for me a like favour in the examinations for which I am now preparing. In return I promise to make you known and cause you to be invoked.
Through Christ our Lord.
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Female, accounting graduate, at least 30 years old, single with knowledge in computer & MSWord, Excel and Accounting system. Pls. call 523-2847 for appointment.

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the following persons are criminally charged with Violation of BP 22 before the Metropolitan Trial Court of Parañaque City, Branch 77, under Criminal Case Nos. 04-1361 to 66:

**Edmar M. Romero**
No. 26 Lilac St., Pilar Village, Las Piñas City

**Edgar S. Magsino**
Bacao, Gen. Trias, Cavite

There are standing warrants for the arrest of the above accused. Any information regarding the whereabouts of the said persons may be given to the CISC, Camp Crame, the NBI, the nearest police authorities, or the Lerios-Amboy Mijares Law Offices, Tel. No. **687-2293** for proper enforcement of the warrants of arrest.

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## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to inform the public that **Zontar Manpower Services, Inc.** has transferred to its new location at office address Rm. 205 LBH Bldg. 1431 A. Mabini St., Ermita, Mla.
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# South Beach Diet and Rachel Alejandro's Bienvenida Party

HUNGRY for decades? Time is up for the self-starving habit! The Sexy Chef is finally here — bringing the South Beach diet to the Filipino palate.

Chef Barni Alejandro is cooking up a delicious and healthy line of dishes for sister Rachel Alejandro's bienvenida party with of course, the South Beach menu. Get tips on this fabulous way of losing those unwanted pounds and learn about Splenda, a great sugar alternative.

Meet the different showbiz personalities who graced the occasion and enjoyed their trip to diet-no-more island! Grab a bite of the mouth-watering oreo cheesecake (without having to worry about the sinful-sweets) and know more about how you can get that gorgeous bod in a matter of 14 days.

"Real food", food that's right for you, guilt-free food…whatever you call it, healthy is sexy!

Chefs on the Go is presented by Star Events, Inc., in cooperation with Center for Culinary Arts, Manila and The Cravings Group in association with Appetite Culinary Lifesyle Magazine, MacGraphics Carranz Advertising, Quisine, Cafe Lupe, Toch Arellano, Home Radio 97.9 and Philippine Daily Inquirer. Chefs on the Go airs every Thursday night at 11:30 on Studio 23, right after Oprah.

# NFA joins farmers' congress in SarGen

THE NATIONAL Food Authority regional office in region 11 attended the first Farmers' Congress initiated by the Federation of Irrigators Associations of General Santos and Saranggani in celebration of the Farmers and Fisher Folks' month held in this city recently. The occasion was attended by NFA region 11 assistant director Dianne Silva who represented the agency during this noteworthy affair. In her speech during the ceremonies, Silva lauded the efforts of the federation president and concurrent chair of the Provincial Farmers Action Council (PFAC) Edwin Paraluman, for initiating the said activity. Silva informed the participants of the well-attended event of the ongoing programs of the food agency such as the Integrated Farmers as Distributors Program (IFAD) which enables farmers to participate in the distribution of rice among consumers. She said that some of the profits derived from the said program helped in financing the farmers' congress. Graced by more than 50 irrigators' associations with more than 700 farmer-members throughout the SarGen area, the farmers' congress was held at the NFA compound in General Santos City. For more information on NFA Palengke Watch and other NFA programs, please send inquiries via Text NFA through mobile number 0917-6210927. For information on programs of the Department of Agriculture, please visit the DA's official website at www.da.gov.ph.

# Imported rice arrives in La Union

A TOTAL of 879,155 bags of imported rice have arrived in Region I for the area's food security stocks. The shipment is part of the 1.4 million bags of imported rice allocated by the National Food Authority for the region this year. Six vessels had brought the rice from Vietnam to Poro Point, San Fernando City, La union since March this year. The remaining balance of over 500,000 bags is due to arrive within June. NFA Regional Director Joseph dela Cruz disclosed the breakdown of allocation of the 1.4 million bags to the various provinces as follows: Abra with 27,000 bags; Benguet, 350,000 bags; Ilocos Norte, 82,000 bags; Ilocos Sur, 146,000 bags; La Union, 211,000 bags; Eastern Pangasinan, 272,000 bags; and Western Pangasinan with 312,000 bags. The provincial offices in Region I coordinate with the rice retailers in their respective areas on their allocation as market outlets. The NFA will now tap Bigasan ni Gloria sa Palengke outlets (BGPs), farmers' organizations/cooperatives and individual retailers inside and outside the markets as outlets for government rice to give the consuming public ready access to low-priced rice. For more information on NFA programs, please send inquiries via Text NFA through mobile number 0917-6210927. For information on programs of the Department of Agriculture, please visit the DA's official website at www.da.gov.ph.

# WANTED

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**Philippine Amusement & Gaming Corporation**
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## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

### ITB NO.: 04-24-2005

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is inviting all interested bidders in its forthcoming public bidding for the project stated hereunder:

**Name of Project** : One (1) Lot Janitorial Service for the following areas:
a) PAGCOR Corporate Office
b) Imus Warehouse
c) Kamuning Public Toilet
Required Personnel: 62 Janitors

**Approved Budget** :Ten Million Nine Hundred Seventy Three Thousand Two Hundred Seventy and 88/100 (P 10,973,270.88)

**Source of Fund** : Internally Funded

Only contractors duly registered with PAGCOR shall be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered contractors must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section (SRES), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila, Tel. No. 526-0573.

The detailed project particulars and instructions to bidders are discussed in the **Bid Documents** available for issuance from **June 13, 2005** to **July 4, 2005** at the BAC Secretariat Unit, PPD-Corporate upon payment of a non-refundable fee of ***Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Six & 65/100 Pesos (Php 5,486.65)***. In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt Issued by our Cashier to the BAC Secretariat.

The schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

| *Activities* | *Schedule* |
|---|---|
| Pre-Bid Conference | June 22, 2005 (10am) |
| Submission of Bids | July 5, 2005 (2pm) |
| Opening of Bids | July 5, 2005 (2pm onwards) |

PAGCOR reserves the right to disqualify any prospective bidder if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information, and the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, to waive any defects or formalities found therein and to accept such bid or a part thereof as may be deemed most advantageous to PAGCOR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

PAGCOR reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract if there is *prima facie* evidence of collusion between appropriate public officers or employees of the agency, or between the BAC and any of the bidders, or if the collusion is between or among the bidders themselves, or between a bidder and a third party, including any act which restricts, suppresses or nullifies or tends to restrict, suppress or nullify competition, or if the BAC is found to have failed to follow the prescribed bidding procedures, or for any justifiable and reasonable ground where the award of the contract will not redound to the benefit of the government (R.A. 9184, Sec. 41).

Please address all communications to the BAC Secretariat Unit, Procurement & Property Department.

(Sgd.) **RENE C. FIGUEROA**
Chairperson, BAC 1

(PDI–June 12 & 19, 2005)

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Kagawaran ng Ugnayang Panlabas Department of Foreign Affairs

Republic of the Philippines
**DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**
2330 Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, Metro Manila
Bids and Awards Committee

## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Department of Foreign Affairs – Bids and Awards Committee (DFA-BAC) is inviting interested bidders to apply for eligibility and bid for the:

**SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE RESTROOMS OF THE DFA BUILDING**

Interested bidders may acquire bid documents from **20 June to 01 July 2005**, at the BAC Secretariat, Office of the Undersecretary for Administration, 12th Floor, DFA Bldg, 2330 Roxas Blvd. Pasay City, (tel. nos. 834-4066 and fax nos. 831-9584), upon submission of Letter of Intent and payment of a **non-refundable fee** of One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00) to the Cashier's Office, Office of Fiscal Management, 4th Floor, DFA Building, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City.

Approved Budget for the Contract: **PhP 2,137,655.00**

The Eligibility/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference, Evaluation of Bids, Post Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

| ACTIVITIES | DATE/TIME |
|---|---|
| **Pre-bid Conference** | 07 July 2005 |
| **Last Day of Submission of Bid Requirements** | 19 July 2005 (2:00 pm) |
| **Opening of Eligibility Requirements, Technical and Financial Proposals** | 19 July 2005 (3:00 pm) |

DFA-BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reasons, and to waive any deficiencies and required formalities embodied therein. DFA-BAC assumes no obligations whatsoever to offset the expenses and/or losses the bidder may have incurred in the preparation of the bids. DFA-BAC further reserves the right to declare a failure of bid, and/or not to award the contract, and makes no assurances that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. EBDALIN**
Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs
Chairman, DFA-BAC

(PDI - June 19 & 20, 2005)

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Republic of the Philippines
Province of Misamis Occidental
CITY OF OZAMIZ

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## Invitation for Bids (Rebidding)

**Date: 12 June 2005**
**Loan No. 1843: Mindanao Basic Urban Services Sector Project**
**Contract No. 006-04PM - Rehabilitation/ Improvement of Ozamiz City Public Market**
**Deadline for Bids: 27 July 2005**

1. The Land Bank of the Philippines has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Mindanao Basic Urban Services Sector Project. Part of this loan will be used for payments under the Contract named above. Bidding is open to bidders from eligible source countries of the ADB.

2. The **City Government of Ozamiz** ("the Employer") now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following "Works" under the Contract:

   **General Requirements; Site Works; Concrete Works; Masonry Works; Metal Works; Wood and Plastic Works; Thermal and Moisture Protection Works; Doors and Windows; Finishing Works; Furnishing; Mechanical Works; Electrical Works; Communication Works; etc.**

   **(More details and specifications are provided in the Bidding Documents)**

   Bidders (partner in charge in case of joint venture) must have experience as contractor, management contractor, or subcontractor, in at least three (3) contracts within the last **seven (7) years**, each with a value of at least **US$1,500,000** that have been successfully or are substantially completed and that are similar to the proposed works. As evidence, the bidder must provide certificate of completion for at least five (5) projects of such nature from concerned client(s).

   Bidders must also have a minimum average annual construction turnover of **US$2,000,000** calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, within the last **three (3) years**. Audited balance sheets or, if not required by the law of the applicant's country, other financial statements acceptable to the Employer, for the last five (5) years to demonstrate the current soundness of the applicants financial position and its prospective long-term profitability shall be submitted.

3. To obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents, bidders should contact:

   **The Secretariat**
   **Bids and Awards Committee**
   **Attention: ENGR. ROMEO T. CABRERA**
   **GSO, City Hall, Ozamiz City**
   **Misamis Occidental, 7200 Philippines**
   **Tel. No: (+63 88) 5212013/ (+63 88) 5210886**
   **Fax No: (+63 88) 5214318**

4. To purchase the bidding documents in English, eligible bidders should:
   - Write to address above requesting the bidding documents for **Contract No: 006-04PM – Rehabilitation/ Improvement of Ozamiz City Public Market**
   - Pay a non-refundable fee of **Fifteen-Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php15, 000.00)** by cash to the Office of the City Treasurer, Ozamiz City. The method of payment will be by cash or direct deposit to land Bank of the Philippines, Ozamiz City Branch, Account No. 0812101218.

5. Deliver your bid:
   - To the address above
   - On or before the deadline: **27 July 2005 (Wednesday) @ 12:00 Noon**
   - Together with a Bid Security of: **Php 2,500,000.00 or its US Dollar Equivalent**

Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend.

(Sgd.) **ENGR. ROMEO T. CABRERA**
Chairman, BAC

NOTED:

(Sgd.) **HON. REYNALDO O. PAROJINOG**
City Mayor

(PDI - June 12 & 19, 2005)

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GROWTH WITH EQUITY IN MINDANAO (GEM) PROGRAM
**A Project of the United States Agency for International Development**
The General Contractor is THE LOUIS BERGER GROUP, INC.
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USAID Contract No: 492-C-00-02-00018-00

**URGENT REQUIREMENT**

## Invitation for prequalification for and award of Indefinite Quantity Contracts (IQC)

The Louis Berger Group, Inc. (LBGI), a U.S. firm contracted by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to implement the Growth with Equity in Mindanao-2 (GEM-2) Program is inviting interested and qualified Philippine firms to submit proposals for the preparation of detailed engineering design and cost estimate of projects. The projects will be located primarily in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) and other conflict-affected areas of Mindanao, and will include various components such as ports; water supply facilities; roads and bridges; irrigation and flood controls; and, general civil works categories. Individual construction contract costs will range in value from Php500,000 up to Php1.5M for community infrastructure projects and Php20M+ for mid-scale infrastructure projects.

Interested firms will be prequalified for different categories based on their previous experience and expertise. For prequalification purposes, the works will be divided into the following categories based on the desired level of precision studies: (a) Topographic Survey / Hydrographic Surveys (Civil Works Projects) with HIGH complexity (contracts amounting to, or more than Php300,000); and (b) Topographic Survey / Hydrographic Surveys (Civil Works Projects) with LOW complexity (contracts amounting to less than Php300,000).

Proposals will be evaluated and ranked based on the offerors' ability to demonstrate in their submission the relevant: (a) Company Experience; (b) Competency of Technical Personnel; and (c) Equipment / Testing Laboratory Inventory. Based on the evaluated proposals, the top three firms for each category may be awarded Indefinite Quantity Contracts (IQC) with minimum and maximum contract amounts to be negotiated with the winning firms. Job or delivery orders will be issued to the winning firms as studies become necessary. Contract costs will be based on pre-negotiated unit and mobilization costs. The IQC will be valid until the contract ceiling cost is reached or when the contract duration expires. Prequalification is open to licensed / registered firms (applicable to each group and registered through SEC for corporations or DTI for entrepreneurs) from the Philippines.

Applicants can send applications for one or more categories, for consortium or large companies with varied specialization or services. Eligible applicants may obtain the prequalification documents, including the requirements for the company profile and short technical proposal, from the office of the Deputy Program Manager for Contracts and Administration, Growth with Equity in Mindanao Program, 2nd Floor, 1 Ladislawa Building, Ladislawa Avenue, Buhangin, Davao City 8000, Philippines beginning 21 June 2005. Those who wish to respond to this solicitation can also download the available documents at www.mindanao.org/iqcdownloads. The available documents should include: (a) Checklist of Requirements and format and necessary content of Company Profile; (b) Terms of Reference for the various required studies—TORs A through D (download as needed); (c) Terms of Reference and Conditions of the IQC; and (d) Indicative locations of projects. Deadline for receipt of submissions is 28 June 2005, 3:00pm at the office of the GEM Deputy Program Manager for Contracts and Administration.

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## INVITATION TO BID

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) would like to invite suppliers and providers for the following goods:

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| Desktop computer<br>76 units | **Preferred brands: IBM or HP**<br>Intel Pentium IV 2.8 GHz – 800MHz FSB, small form factor<br>512 MB PC2700 DDR RAM<br>80GB Ultra ATA 7200 rpm Hard Disk<br>64MB build-in AGP graphics card<br>Built-in sound<br>Integrated Ethernet LAN 10/100<br>CD-RW / DVD ROM Combo drive and FDD<br>4 or 6 USB 2.0 port, parallel, serial<br>17" flat screen CRT color monitor<br>Optical mouse, keyboard and speaker<br>Windows XP Professional SP2 |
| Laptop<br>71 units | **Preferred brands: IBM or HP**<br>Intel Pentium IV, 1.5GHz – 2MB L2 cache<br>512 MB PC2700 DDR RAM<br>40 GB ATA-100 5400 rpm Hard Disk<br>64MB AGP Graphics card<br>Built-in sound and speakers<br>Ethernet LAN 10/100, 56K modem, wireless 802.11 b/g, Bluetooth<br>CD-RW/DVDROM combo driver and external/swappable FDD<br>8 or 6-in-1 media card reader<br>2 USB 2.0 parallel, external monitor, Firewire<br>Optical mouse<br>13" or 14" XGA TFT color display<br>Windows XP Professional SP2 |

All prices should be free from all duties and taxes and should be valid for the next six (6) months. Interested bidders are required to submit the following documents:

- ➢ Company profile
- ➢ Registration papers (SEC with Articles of Incorporation, DTI, Mayor's Permit, VAT, etc.)
- ➢ List of branches or distribution network or service centers
- ➢ Track record in supplying to institutional clients in huge volumes
- ➢ Proposed methodology for providing goods specifically indicating procedures, delivery/ response time, invoicing, payment requirements, etc.
- ➢ Price list of goods

**UNFPA does not and cannot guarantee nor commit any volume within the 6-month validity of the price.**

Deadline for the submission of bids is on 24 June 2005 at 5:00 p.m. All bids should be addressed to:

**United Nations Population Fund**
**30th Floor, Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza**
**6819 Ayala Avenue corner Senator Gil Puyat Avenue, 1226 Makati City**
**Tel. No. (63-2) 901-0313 Fax No. (63-2) 901-0348**

UNFPA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect or informality therein, accept the bid and award the contract to the most advantageous offer. UNFPA assumes no obligation or responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidder for any expense or loss that may be incurred for the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made for this Contract.

(Sgd.) MARIA ROSARIO B. PERALTA
Administrative Associate, a.i.

(PDI - June 19, 2005)

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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
KAGAWARAN NG EDUKASYON
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Philippines

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## Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid Supply and Delivery of Powdered Full Cream Milk

1. The Health and Nutrition Center (HNC) of the **Department of Education (DepED)**, through the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) intends to apply the sum of **PHILIPPINE PESOS TWENTY SEVEN MILLION AND 00/100 ONLY (Php27,000,000.00)** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the Supply and Delivery of Powdered Full Cream Milk hereinafter called the "GOODS." Bids received in excess of the ABC will be rejected at bid opening.
2. The **DepED** now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Supply and Delivery of the Goods to DepED Warehouse (near Motorpool), DepED Complex, Pasig City. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in Section II, Instructions to Bidders, of the Bidding Documents.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. 9184 known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and is restricted to organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interests or outstanding capital stocks belonging to citizens of the Philippines, as specified in Republic Act 5183. Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II. Instruction to Bidders of the Bidding Documents.
4. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested bidders starting on **June 17, 2005** until **June 28, 2005** from the BAC Secretariat, Procurement Service, Room 508, 5th Floor, Mabini Building, DepED Complex, Pasig City, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Philippine Pesos Five Thousand & 00/100 Only (PHp5,000)**. Information is also available at **http://www.deped.gov.ph** or **www.procurementservice.org**. The BAC Secretariat could be reached through Tel No. 636-6543 or Fax No. 636-6542.
5. The **DepED BAC** shall hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on **June 30, 2005, 2:00 p.m.** at the **Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepED Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City.**
6. Bids must be received on or before **July 13, 2005, 2:00 p.m.** at the **Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepED Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City.** Late bids shall be rejected.
7. The **DepED BAC** reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, withou thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

(Sgd.) **JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ**
Undersecretary and BAC Chairman

(PDI – June 19 & 26, 2005)

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**Philippine Economic Zone Authority**
Bataan Economic Zone

## Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid Republic of the Philippines

*Detailed Engineering Design (DED) of the Bataan Economic Zone (BEZ) Sewer Collection System*

**Detailed engineering investigations, surveys and design of the Sewer Collection System of the 167 hectares industrial area of the Bataan Economic Zone, specifically (1) the technical assessment of the existing sewer lines of Phase I Development Zone leading to the rehabilitation and/or upgrading of existing lines, and (2) the proposed new sewer lines for Phase II and III Development Zones. Work also includes preparation of technical specifications, cost estimates and tender documents of the infrastructure project to be implemented.**

The **Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA)-BEZ**, through the **Corporate Budget for the contract approved by the governing board** intends to apply the sum of **Php 2.7 million** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for **DED of BEZ Sewer Collection System**. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at the opening of the financial proposals.

The **PEZA-BEZ** now calls for the submission of **Letters of Intent (LOIs)/Expressions of Interest** from potential bidders to apply for eligibility and short listing for **DED of the Sewer Collection System of the 167 hectares industrial area BEZ.** Interested consultants must submit their LOIs, which must be delivered by hand, through mail, or facsimile on or before **5PM on July 05, 2005 at 2nd Floor, BEZ-Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), BEZ Administration Building, Mariveles, Bataan** and secure the Eligibility Documents therefrom. Applications for eligibility will be evaluated on a "pass/fail" basis. The process for the eligibility check is described in the Eligibility Documents. The last day for the submission of the accomplished Eligibility Documents shall be on the date of the opening of Eligibility Documents: **2PM on July 15, 2005 at 2nd Floor, BEZ-BAC, BEZ Administration Building, Mariveles, Bataan.** Only those that are short listed will be entitled to submit bids.

The BAC shall draw up the short list of consultants from those who have submitted LOIs and have been determined as eligible both in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184) and its Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A). The short list of prospective bidders shall consist of five (5) consultants. The criteria and rating system for short listing shall be provided in the Eligibility Documents.

In accordance with IRR-A of R.A. 9184, only bids from short listed consultants will be opened. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures as specified in the IRR-A of R.A. 9184, and is restricted, unless otherwise stated, to Filipino citizens or organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest belonging to citizens of the Philippines. In accordance with the IRR-A of R.A. 9184 the contract will only be awarded to the Highest Rated and Responsive Bidder who was determined as such during post-qualification.

The PROCURING ENTITY shall evaluate bids using the *Quality based Evaluation/Selection (BE/QBS).* The criteria and rating system for the evaluation of bids shall be provided in the Instruction to Bidders.

Interested consultants may obtain further information from PEZA-BEZ at the address given below from 8AM to 12 noon and 1PM to 5PM.

The contract shall be completed within six (6) months.

The Philippine Economic Zone Authority-Bataan Economic Zone reserves the right to reject any and all bids, annul the bidding process, or not award the contract at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

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**ZA Digna D. Torres**
**Bataan Economic Zone, Mariveles, Bataan**
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(Sgd.) **DIONISIO T. SAMEN**
Chairperson, BEZ-BAC

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(Sgd.) **DIGNA D. TORRES**
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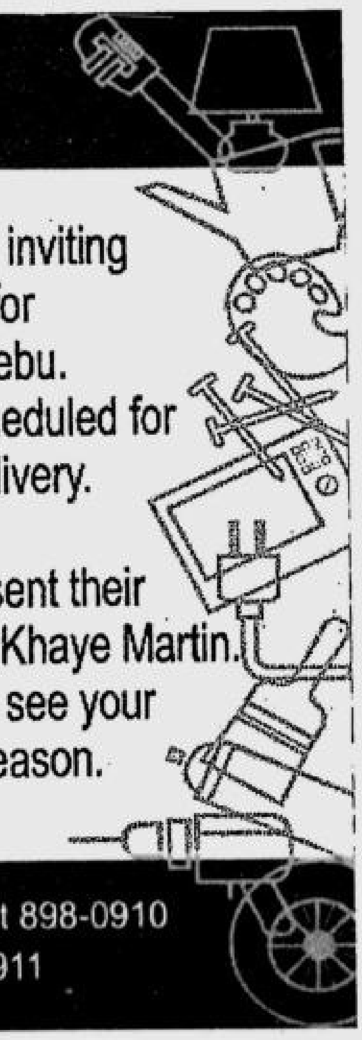

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## INVITATION TO RE-BID

(ITB)

June 19, 2005
World Bank/IBRD Loan No. 7152-PH

The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from International Bank for Reconstruction and Development towards the cost of the ARCDPII and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the following contracts located at Barangay Gapasan, Municipality of Magsaysay, Province of Occidental Mindoro. The Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guideline: Procurement under IBRD Loan and IDA Credits.

The Municipality of Magsaysay, Province of Occidental Mindoro and implementing partner of the DAR for ARCDPII invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Rehabilitation of 1.38 kms. Bayombong-Gamot Road under Contract Number RIRR 04 037 01 PAP-OM.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Duration | : | 90 Calendar Days |
| Bidding Documents | : | PHP 5,000.00 |
| Minimum Bid Security | : | PHP 40,000.00 |
| Bid Closing Date | : | July 19, 2005 Time 10:00 AM. |

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS:

| Item No. | Scope of Works | Quantity | Unit |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | Clearing and Grubbing | 8,260.00 | sq. m. |
| 13(1) | Structure Excavation | 287.34 | cu. m. |
| 14 | Embankment | 3,851.15 | cu. m. |
| 20 | Aggregate Sub-Base Course | 828.00 | cu. m. |
| 21 | Aggregate Base Course | 828.00 | cu. m. |
| 44 | Structural Concrete (Class "A") for Apron | 8.75 | cu. m. |
| 50(3) | Reinforced Concrete Pipe Culvert (610mm) | 66.00 | l.m. |
| 50(4) | Reinforced Concrete Pipe Culvert (910mm) | 30.00 | l.m. |
| 52 | Stone Masonry | 69.50 | cu.m. |

**Minimum Equipments Required**

Bulldozer (1 unit)-owned/leased; Road Roller Vibratory 9 tons (1 units)-owned/leased; Road Grader (1 unit)-owned/leased; Dump Trucks (5 units)-owned/leased; Water Truck (1 unit)-owned.

**LGU EQUIPMENTS** for **LEASE** (to from part of the LGU Equity).

1 unit Bulldozer, 1 unit Road Grader; 3 units Dump Trucks

A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by the interested bidders at the BAC Secretariat Office of the Municipality of Magsaysay, Province of Occidental Mindoro starting June 20, 2005 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. upon payment of a non-refundable fee of PHP5,000.00 for each set. Pre-bid conference will be held in the same address on July 5, 2005 at 10:00 AM.

Bids shall be valid for a period of 90 days after Bid opening and must be accompanied by a security deposit of PhP40,000.00 in form; Cash, Certified Check, Manager's Check, Bank Guarantee, on a free convertible currency, and shall be delivered to the BAC Secretariat Office of the Municipality of Magsaysay, Province of Occidental Mindoro, on or before the Bid closing date on July 19, 2005 at 10:00 AM, at which time the Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend.

The LGU-BAC ARCDPII of Magsaysay, Occidental Mindoro reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect or formality, assume no obligation whatsoever to compensate indemnity to the contractor/bidder for any expenses that they may incur in the preparation of bid and to accept the lowest evaluated, responsive and complying bid.

(Sgd.) Mr. JESUS JONJIE A. VENTURANZA
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of

## VICENTA "SINTANG" BATALLONES BAYANGOS

*who joined her Creator on 19 June 1993*

Holy Masses will be offered today, Sunday, 19 June 2005
at the following:

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| **Minor Basilica of the Black Nazarene,** *Quiapo, Manila* | 6:00 AM |
| **Sta. Cruz Parish,** *Sta. Cruz, Manila* | 6:00 AM |
| **National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes** | 6:00 AM |
| **Sta. Teresita Parish, Kanlaon,** *Quezon City* | 6:00 AM |
| **Ntra. Sra. Del Perpetou Socorro Parish,** *Calamba, Manila* | 6:00 AM |
| **Shrine of Mary, Queen of Peace,** *EDSA, Quezon City* | 8:00 AM |
| **St. Francis Church,** *Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City* | 6:00 AM |
| **St. Anthony's Shrine,** *Sampaloc, Manila* | 5:45 AM |
| **Our Lady of Loreto Parish,** *Sampaloc, Manila* | 6:15 AM |
| **The National Shrine of St. Michael & Arcangel,** *San Miguel, Manila* | 7:00 AM |
| **St. Jude Archdiocesan Shrine,** *San Miguel, Manila* | 6:30 AM |
| **Mount Carmel Shrine,** *New Manila, Quezon City* | 6:15 PM |
| **National Shrine of the Most Holy Rosary,** *Sto. Domingo Q.C.* | 6:00 AM |
| **UST Church,** *Sampaloc, Manila* | 6:00 AM |
| **Monasterio de Sta. Clara,** *Katipunan Avenue, Q.C.* | 6:00 AM |
| **Sto. Niño De Paz Community Chapel,** *Greenbelt Makati* | 9:00 AM |

Husband- Roger; sister- Avelina; children- Grace and Ricky; Onie; Ruby and Jun; Majoy and Jay; Bebeth; Derick and Mylene and granchildren Miguel and Jose, Katrina and Emmanuel, Clarisse and Cynrid, Renz and Therese, relatives and friends, request the pious readers to remember "Sintang" in their prayers.

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## SANCHO C. FAJARDO

**of Alfonso, Cavite and Vergonville, Las Piñas**

*Peacefully joined our Lord on June 17, 2005 at the age of 87.*

His bereaved wife **Genoveva Rolle**; children **Carlota & Romeo Romasanta, Elvira & Jojo Gahol, Josefina, Marilou & Ebet Rivera**; grandchildren **Elyssa & Justin, Gail & Gerald, Rya & Airon**; sister **Sophia**; brothers-in-law **Max Isip & Santiago Rolle** (†); sisters-in-law **Senen Credo** (†) & **Aurora Rollo**, other relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at his residence in Alfonso, Cavite. Interment will be on Thursday, June 23, 2005 at the Alfonso Cemetery after the 1:00 PM Mass at St. John Nepomecine Parish.

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Masses will be offered today June 19, 2005 at the following churches:

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|---|---|
| **Immaculate Conception Cathedral**<br>Puerto Princesa City | 7:00 a.m.<br>8:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. |
| **Holy Cross Parish,** San Miguel<br>Puerto Princesa City | 6:30 a.m.<br>7:30 a.m. |
| **Monasterio de Sta. Clara**<br>C-5, Katipunan, Quezon City | 5:30 a.m.<br>5:30 p.m. |
| **Holy Family Parish,** Roxas District<br>Quezon City | 8:00 a.m. |
| **Mt. Carmel Church,** New Manila<br>Quezon City | 10:00 a.m. |

Her sister Ofelia and family request relatives and friends to remember **Cerly** in their prayers.

*"For just as all people die, all will be raised to life in union with Christ"* – **Corinthian 15:22**

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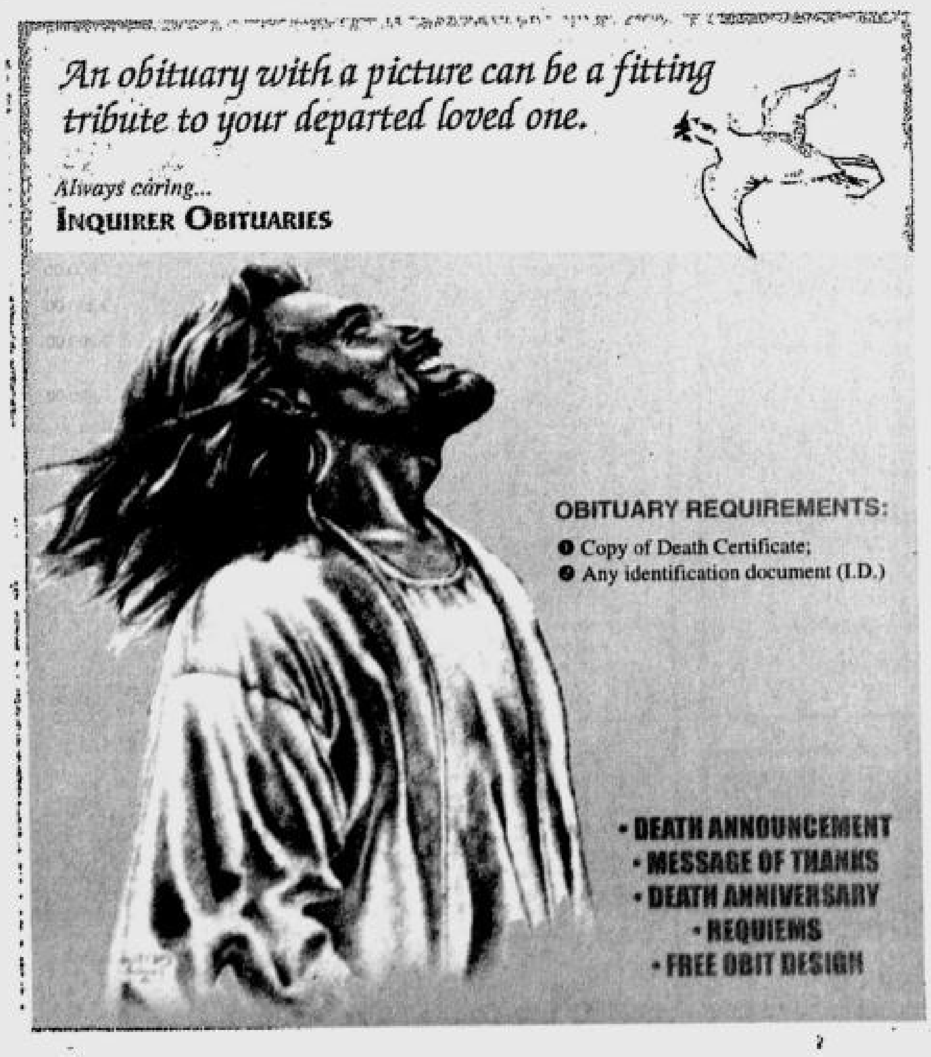

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## COL. ZOSIMO L. ANGAN (RET.)

***Peacefully joined his Creator on June 17, 2005 at the age of 75***

***A caring husband, a kind-hearted father***
***a loyal soldier, and most of all, a faithful son of his Maker.***

***Bye, Pa. You are in a much better place now.***

His loving wife, CONNIE

His children:
**Jojo & Lody Santos Angan, Baby & Chicho del Rosario, Teng, Jobel & Junjun Davide, Junjun, Lyndon & Jingjing Mabilog Angan**

And grandchildren:
**Kloodie, Gino, Cindie, Candie, Joseph, Joshua, Jerry, Paje, Dia, Niña, Kianna, Kaella, Kobee, Kara & Bea**

request the pious readers to pray for the repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Cosmopolitan Funeral Homes, Lahug, Cebu City.

Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday, June 20, 2005 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, Lahug, Cebu City.
Interment will immediately follow at the Cebu Memorial Park, Banilad, Cebu City.

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## Dr. Adoracion Arce Evaristo

*of San Marcelino Zambales and*
*Bohol Avenue, Quezon City*

*peacefully joined our Creator and her beloved husband,* ***Delfin*** *(†), and loving sons,* ***Bobby*** *(†) and* ***Wilfredo*** *(†) on June 18, 2005 at the age of 88.*

HER BEREAVED CHILDREN FRANK AND PERCY, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, LENI PORCIUNCULA, HER GRANDCHILDREN, JUN JUN AND ARMELLE, CAROL, AMY, CARLO, LORRAINE, JOEL AND ASHI, MICHELLE; GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, ANTON, ARSEE, ANGEL, ALLIE AND LOVING AND FAITHFUL CAREGIVER OF 48 YEARS, ARSENIA; AND RELATIVES REQUEST THE PIOUS READERS TO PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF HER SOUL.

HER REMAINS LIE IN STATE AT CAPILLA DEL SENOR, SANTUARIO DE SAN ANTONIO, MCKINLEY ROAD, FORBES PARK, MAKATI CITY.

INTERMENT WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2005 AT THE LOYOLA MEMORIAL PARK, MARIKINA, AFTER THE 8:00 A.M. HOLY MASS AT CAPILLA DEL SENOR.

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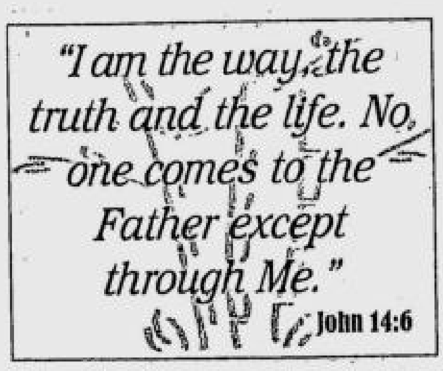

*"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*
John 14:6

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**Message of Thanks**

**We, the family of the late**

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(30 December 1933 – 26 May 2005)
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*What good is it for a man to gain the whole world,*
*yet forfeit his soul?"* — *Mark 8:35 & 36 (NIV)*

Our Dearly Beloved PAPA and LOLO

## DR. JOSE SIXTO REYES AREVALO

**"Pepe"**

of Leverlza St., Pasay City and Las Piñas City

Class of 1933, College of Medicine, University of Sto. Tomas
Retired Captain, Medical Corps, 41st Division, USAFFE

*Peacefully joined our Lord on June 17, 2005*
*at the age of 97.*

His loving wife, **Natividad** (†); children **Letty** (†), **Tony**, **Ting**, **Dodo**, **Ric** (**Edeng**); and daughters-in-law **Baby**, **Mercy** (†), **Lulu**, **Cory**; sisters **Nieves** and **Simona**; grandchildren **Rowena**, **Sarita**, **Jing**, **Joel**, **Anna**, **Lot**, **Dino**, **Carlo**, **Tina**, **Mark**, **Nicole**, **Rica**, **Raquel**, **Ria**, and their spouses; great grandchildren, together with relatives and friends, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the St. Therese of Liseaux Chapel, Magallanes, South Superhighway, Makati City.

Interment will be on June 21, 2005, Tuesday, after the 8 a.m. Mass, at the Las Piñas Catholic Cemetery.

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His body lies in state at Christ the King Church, Green Meadows, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, June 22, 2005 at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

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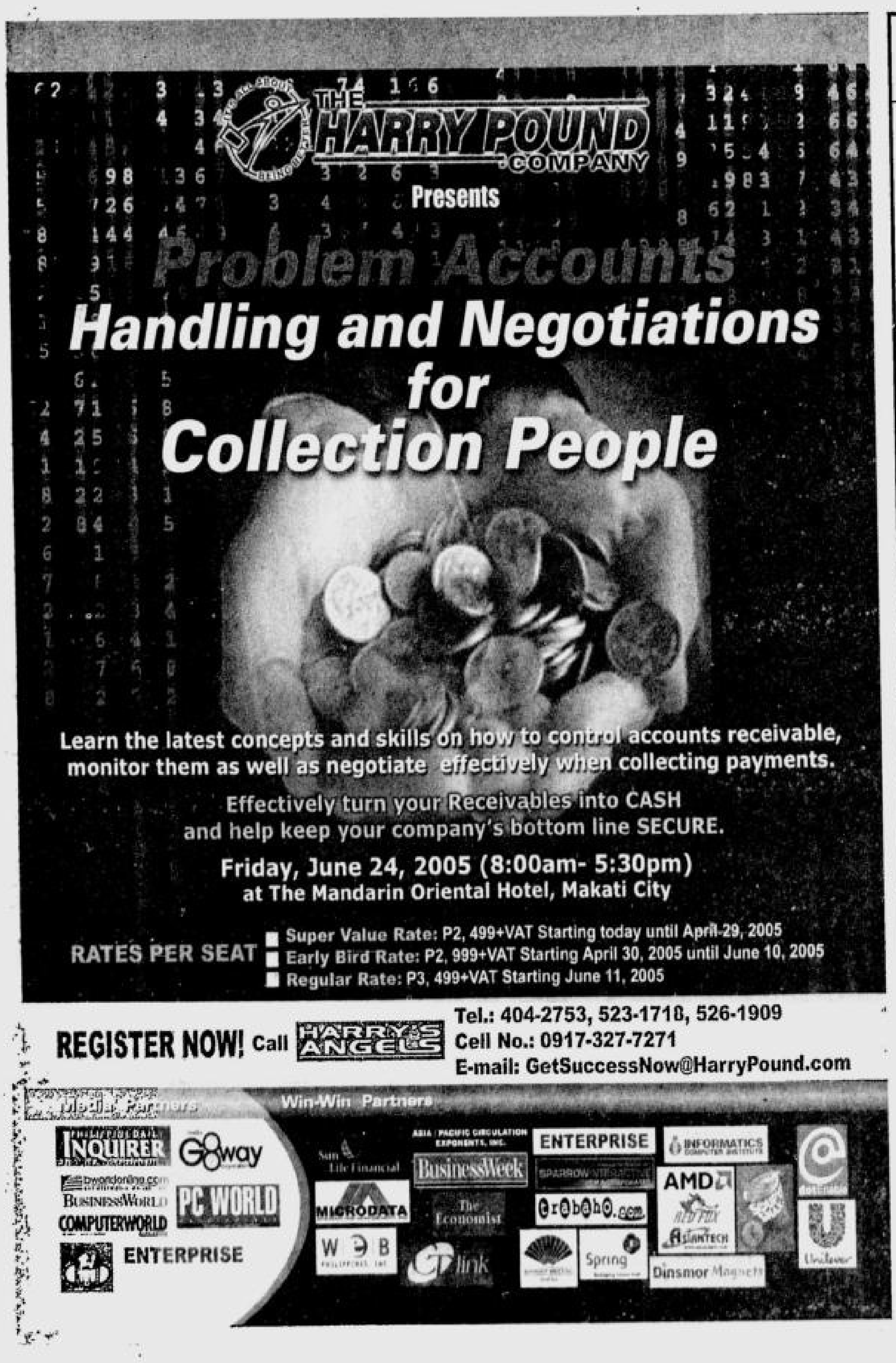

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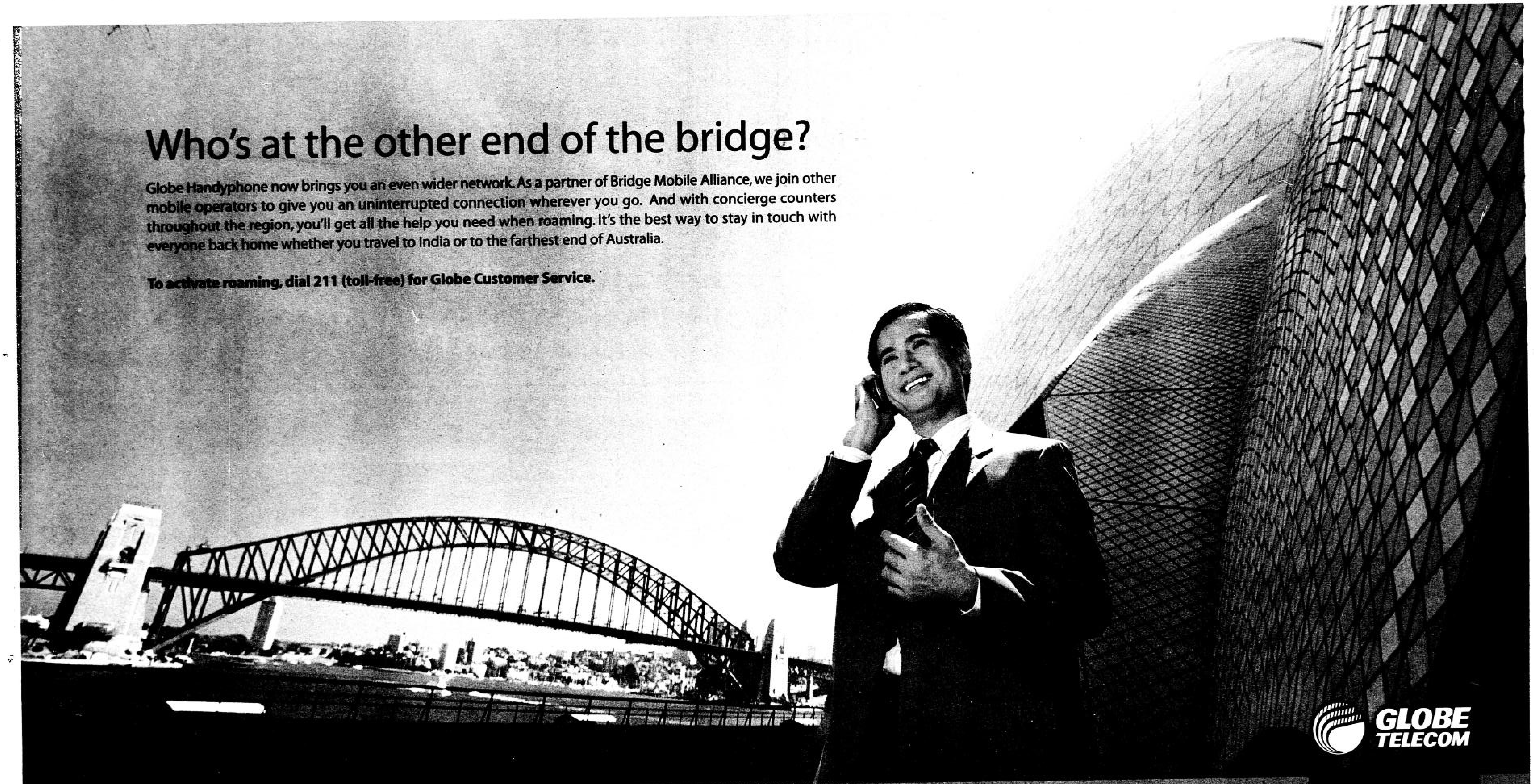

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# Unconventional fathers

## Hand that rocks the cradle may no longer be a woman's

**By Belle V. Bondoc**

SOCIETY has clearly defined the roles of husbands and wives. By tradition, husbands are the providers or "*haligi ng tahanan*" while the wives are the homemakers or "*ilaw ng tahanan.*"

However, research indicates roles have been gradually reversed starting in the 1990s. More women are pursuing careers outside the home, taking leadership positions in the corporate world and becoming the family's income-earners. On the other hand, more men are staying home to run the household.

An AC Nielsen quarterly Omnibus survey of 2,000 urban households nationwide reports the reversal of roles was triggered by economic and financial factors.

The marketing firm found that a big percentage of male homemakers was in Luzon, with 47 percent. Metro Manila had 31 percent, the Visayas, 15 percent; and Mindanao, 7 percent.

### Permanent

Data showed that 60 percent of men (aged 40-49) had been "housebands" for over five years, indicating that "housebanding" was a permanent, rather than temporary, arrangement.

About seven to eight percent of urban households in class D were ran by males, according to Feddie Magpantas, executive director of AC Nielsen.

The survey found the "housebands" had marketable skills and academic credentials that would have allowed them to find employment outside the home but they chose instead to stay home.

AC Nielsen divided the male homemakers into three major groups.

Chance Homemakers were men who had no choice but to stay home due to circumstances. Some 45 percent of them were in Metro Manila.

This group was subdivided into: the Solitaires, single, never-married males who lived alone, are usually from the provinces; the Second-time Singles, males separated or widowed who had not remarried and had assumed the role of homemaker out of necessity and by default; the Surrogates, males whose wives were absent (abroad, traveled a lot or relocated elsewhere because of their jobs); and the Spouse-abled Housebands, married males whose spouses were unable to discharge their housewifely duties effectively for some reason (illness, poor health or "lack of talent" in the domestic arts, among others).

### Preference

The second major group was the Choice "Housebands" or men who preferred to act as housewives. About 41 percent of respondents belonged in this category.

Under this group were: The Volunteers, never-married males living with the rest of the family; the Versatiles, married males with flexible working hours compared to their working wives (they may be in sales or engaged in home-based income-generating enterprises such as retailing, taxi and passenger jeepney franchising); the Vocation-ers, married males who took over the homemaking task from their working wives because they were jobless, were between jobs, retired, or could not work because of health problems or disability or they made home-making their vocation.

The third group was the Consummate Hubbies, accounting for 14 percent of houseband respondents. These were married males with partners who could actually act as housewives. However, these men had their own lofty ideas about running the household and set high standards. They took over the management of the home to ensure those standards were met and kept.

Given a list of 16 homemaking tasks, most respondents mentioned an obviously male activity as something they did with little involvement from anyone else—doing simple house repairs. They also handled the budget though, in some instances, this responsibility was shared presumably with the wife.

The next heavy involvement of "housebands" related to food, with 75 percent planning the menu and 57 percent doing the cooking. "Housebands" were also actively involved in parenting.

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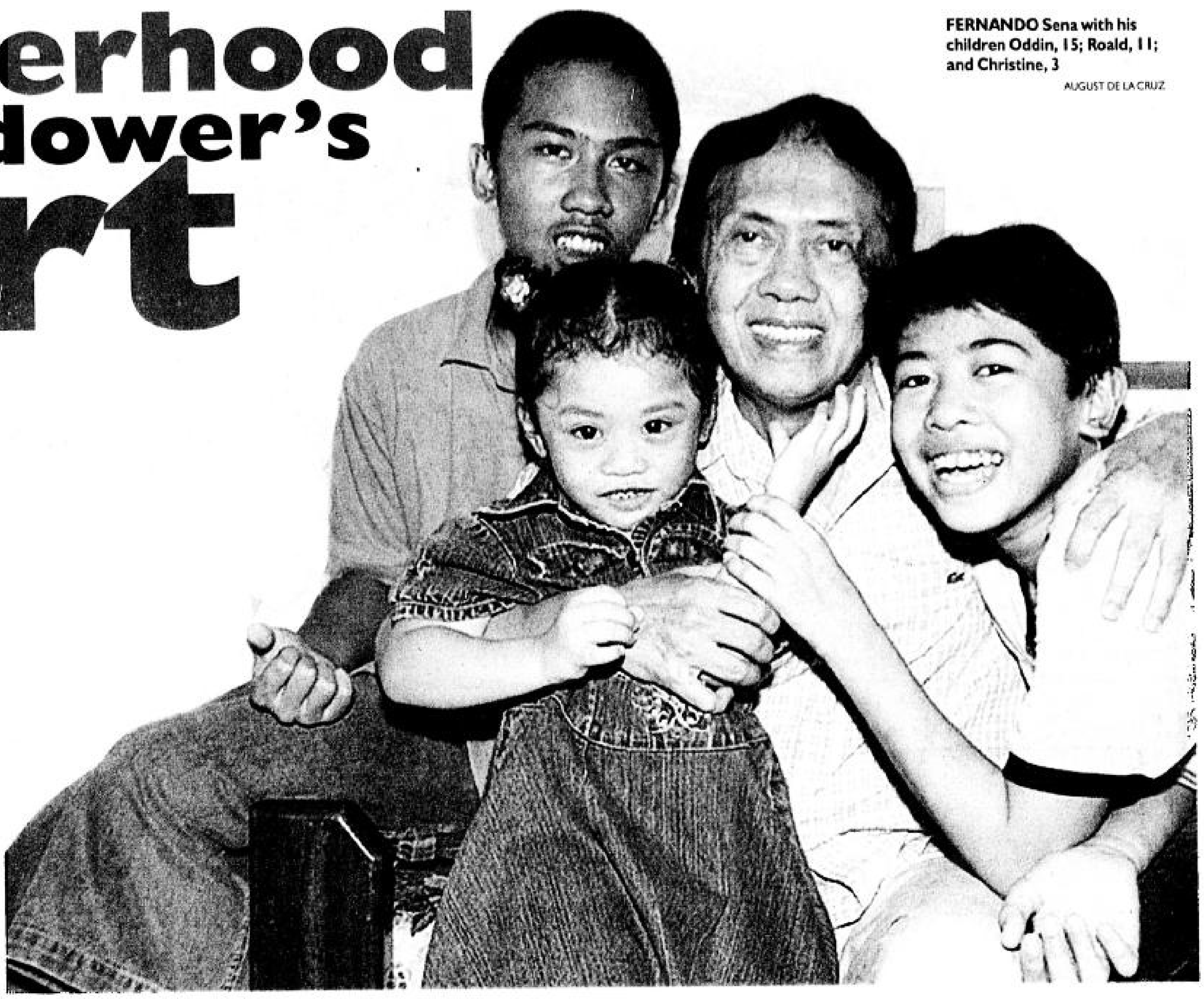
# Fatherhood as a widower's art



FERNANDO Sena with his children Oddin, 15; Roald, 11; and Christine, 3

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**By Rowena C. Burgos,**
*daughter of Roberto Gacusana Burgos*

FATHERHOOD is perhaps any man's biggest challenge. But when one marries and starts to have children a bit late, the challenge is magnified.

Painter Fernando "Nanding" Sena was 39 when he married Nancy Canauay, who was 34. Before that, Sena had been preoccupied with art-making and teaching. He had thought that marriage could wait.

Then Nanding met Nancy in an all-women exhibit which he organized in 1985 at City Gallery. One of the participants was Mitchie Aguilar, a professor of the UP College of Fine Arts, who took along with her a friend, Nancy, a professor at the UP College of Arts and Letters. Nancy caught Sena's eye. After two years, he proposed to her.

Within a year of their marriage, Nancy became pregnant with Nadine, who only lived for five days. The following year, Nancy gave birth to Oddin. In 1993, she gave birth to Roald.

Much later, Nancy was diagnosed with breast cancer. She died in 1998.

Sena carried himself bravely. He did not cry when Nancy was bedridden at the Philippine General Hospital. But after her burial, he was overwhelmed with grief and sadness.

## Dark times

A widower at 50 with two young kids, Nanding began to suffer from depression. He turned to the Bible for solace and guidance. Still, it didn't alleviate the pain and loneliness, so he went to a psychiatrist at the Chinese General Hospital.

But during those dark times, Nanding never abandoned his passion for painting. He even came up with an exhibit on toys. "Painting served as my therapy even when my first child died. I wanted to be productive. After nine months of being depressed, my sleeping pattern became normal again."

Nanding explained to Oddin and Roald their mother's death. To remind them of their mother's love, Nanding displayed Nancy's photos in the living room and the children's rooms.

Both Oddin and Roald were close to their *Nanay*, Sena said. Oddin easily adjusted to her absence but Roald did not. He needed to stop going to school for one year.

Artist-teacher Fernando Sena finds late parenthood as inspiring as the Muses

On the day of his entrance exam at the University of the Philippines Integrated School, Roald refused to take the tests unless his father went inside with him. Sena explained Roald obviously missed his mother. In order to make up for the one year his son was out of school, Sena gave him art lessons.

## Second chance

In 1999, Sena met Ester Tacayon, an elementary school teacher in Cotabato and a sister of his former maid. When Ester visited her sister, Nanding asked her to stay in their house and tutor Roald, who, at that time, was having a hard time with his lessons.

Sena became fond of Ester, especially after she helped Roald achieve higher grades in school. Fondness turned into love eventually.

After two years, they got married. But before taking the plunge again, Sena talked to his sons. "The two gave their approval with a smile," he said.

Then in 2002, Ester, who was 26 at that time, gave birth to Christine. During her stay at the hospital, one of the staff teased her and Sena, who was 54 at that time. "*Para daw kaming tatlong* generations," the artist recalled.

But the teasing didn't end there. When Sena takes Christine out for a stroll, people often mistake her for his granddaughter.

When he used to pick up Ester from Minds Elementary School in Quezon City, her students would shout, "Ma'am, *nandyan na ang tatay ninyo*!" Since then, Sena, though he takes all the teasing in stride, has taken to just wait for his wife at a nearby restaurant.

Ester likes to have another child, but Sena is reluctant because he finds it difficult to take care of children, especially Christine, who's only three. "Maybe after a few more years," he said.

## Inspiration

Nanding said his art students inspire him to become a responsible father. "Students usually idolize their teachers so I try my best to be a good mentor and parent."

Oddin, who's now 15, and Roald, now 11, accompany Nanding to his painting classes during summer vacation. Oddin assists his father by preparing the materials he uses in teaching. Roald, on the other hand, sells art materials to students.

On Sundays, they attend Mass and dine out afterward. Every October, Nanding gives art lessons at the Baguio convention of the Children's Museum and Library Inc. He brings the whole family along with him, including his 88-year-old mother and the househelp.

Fatherhood has indeed transformed Sena. No matter how many accolades are heaped upon him, Sena said nothing compared to being a parent.

"Nothing matters more than the well-being of my children and making them proud. While I truly enjoy my career as painter and teacher, spending time at home with my family is my heart," Sena said.

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# Twice the father

**By Constantino C. Tejero,**
*son of Pacifico Gonzales Tejero*

I HAVE a philosophy of rearing children, which is the way also of my Christian formation," says Jimmy Cempron, 51, a consultant in the Central Bank of the Philippines and professor at De La Salle University.

**JIMMY Cempron with daughter Jennifer Anne and son Jonathan Paul**

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He explains the four stages in the development of personhood: "First, a person must know how to appreciate himself, other people, events and things. Thus, he is generous with praise.

"Second, when he is able to say, 'Thank you.' That's gratitude. Third, being able to say, 'Sorry.' *Kung may pagkukulang ka,* or when you have inflicted pain on others, you must know how to say, 'Sorry.' Fourth is the ability to forgive. That's the height of Christian maturity."

And that, says Cempron, is essentially how he raises his kids. He knows whereof he speaks. He is a married priest.

With a Ph.D in Counseling Psychology, Cempron teaches Ethics, Human Behavior in Organization, and Organizational Development and Change at the DLSU Graduate School, as well as psychology subjects in its College of Education. He often appears on television talk shows to speak on relationships and current affairs on the priesthood.

Cempron is a coordinator of Priest Plus, a group of 15 married priests. The group is part of the Federation of Philippine Catholic Married Priests. His being a priest, of course, had thoroughly prepared him for fatherhood.

He has three kids: Jennifer Anne, 15, in fourth-year high school at OB Montessori; Jonathan Paul, 10, in Grade 4 at Holy Angel Montessori; and Joanna Mae, 6.

"I am proud of being a family man," he says. "My kids are very much aware of the situation, and they're proud of me. Their classmates identify me as a psychologist, a professor, a married priest—nothing unusual. In fact, there's positive esteem... You have to be a role model, because you have direct influence on their lives."

## Paternal love

A diocesan priest and Boholano, Cempron was professor and prefect of discipline at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Tagbilaran City for five years in the 1980s. Then he served for three years as chaplain of the Veterans Memorial Medical Center at North Avenue, Quezon City.

It was when he served for three years as guest assistant priest in the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Cubao that he met his future wife, Consuelo Cusi.

A parishioner, Cusi was a flight attendant in an international airline, with a background as nutritionist and dietician. She was in her early 20s, he in his early 30s. He got a canonical dispensation to marry her.

On becoming a family man, Cempron smilingly recalls: "I psychologically prepared myself for that. I really asked myself if I'd be capable of a long-term relationship. I was sure of what I wanted. I was prepared for all the negative reactions from the community."

The way he speaks of their three children is infectious. It is a kind of emotion manifest in the face and voice that one associates with religious fervor, blind faith, superstition.

"My children are loving," he says. "We've raised them so that none becomes rebellious. In the continuum between permissive and rigid, we're permissive. Responsible *ang mga anak ko, e.* They feel free to experiment without fear."

What if something goes wrong with any of them through their formative years? How would he cope?

"Events and things will expose them to that," he gently says. "You become either a victim or a victimizer. How do I cope? By providing them self-esteem. I have trust in my kids that with it they can face anything.

"But if it happens, anyway, if one of them becomes a drug addict or criminal, I'll give more attention to it. *Baka may pagkukulang ako.*"

## Family crisis

For now, most of the attention the family gives to the youngest, Joanna Mae. The six-year-old has a rare medical condition called Aicardi Syndrome, an inborn brain injury characterized by epileptic seizures and vegetative state. Cempron says there are only some 500 reported cases worldwide, and the disease has been known for only five years.

In April, his daughter was taken to the intensive-care unit, where she stayed for nearly two months. Now she's breathing through a surgical incision in her neck, and fed with liquefied food through a tube in her stomach. Her mother and two *yayas* take turns attending to her 24 hours a day.

"In her first two years, it was a family crisis *talaga*," says the father. "Now it's natural *na lang.* We've come to appreciate more our role as parents. Why did God give us this child? Maybe because we're capable of providing for her and attending to her. The most we can do is give her a meaningful existence."

Of this golden-haired girl with the delicate features, he enthuses: "She's extremely beautiful! *Hindi ko ma-trace kung saang* ancestry *nanggaling. Grabe ang ganda!* An angel has visited me, and I'm just entertaining her."

As is natural with the truly spiritual, "Father" Cempron turns crisis into grace.

# Bid for heritage

THE HERITAGE Conservation Society is holding an art and design auction, 4-8 p.m. today at The Loft on Rockwell Drive. Proceeds from the auction will benefit HCS programs, particularly the Heritage Schoolhouse Restoration Program.

Bid for antiques from Iron Age pottery, *santos*, ethnic weavings to Ifugao *bulols* and excavated gold. Also to be auctioned are pre-war glass table lamps, rare books, Blanco botanical prints, realistic to modern abstract paintings by Arturo Luz, Ang Kiukok, Claude Tayag, Pandy Aviado, Joven Ignacio, Ferdinand Doctolero, Lofranco, Calip and sculpture by Orlina. Furniture ranges from antique through pre-war and modern designer chairs by Bertoia. Significant contemporary Philippine craftsman furniture by Benjie Reyes, Padua International, and Debbie Palao will also be auctioned.

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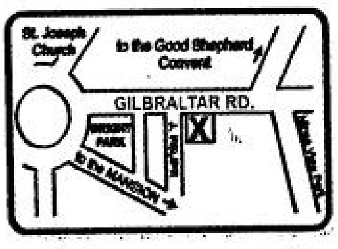

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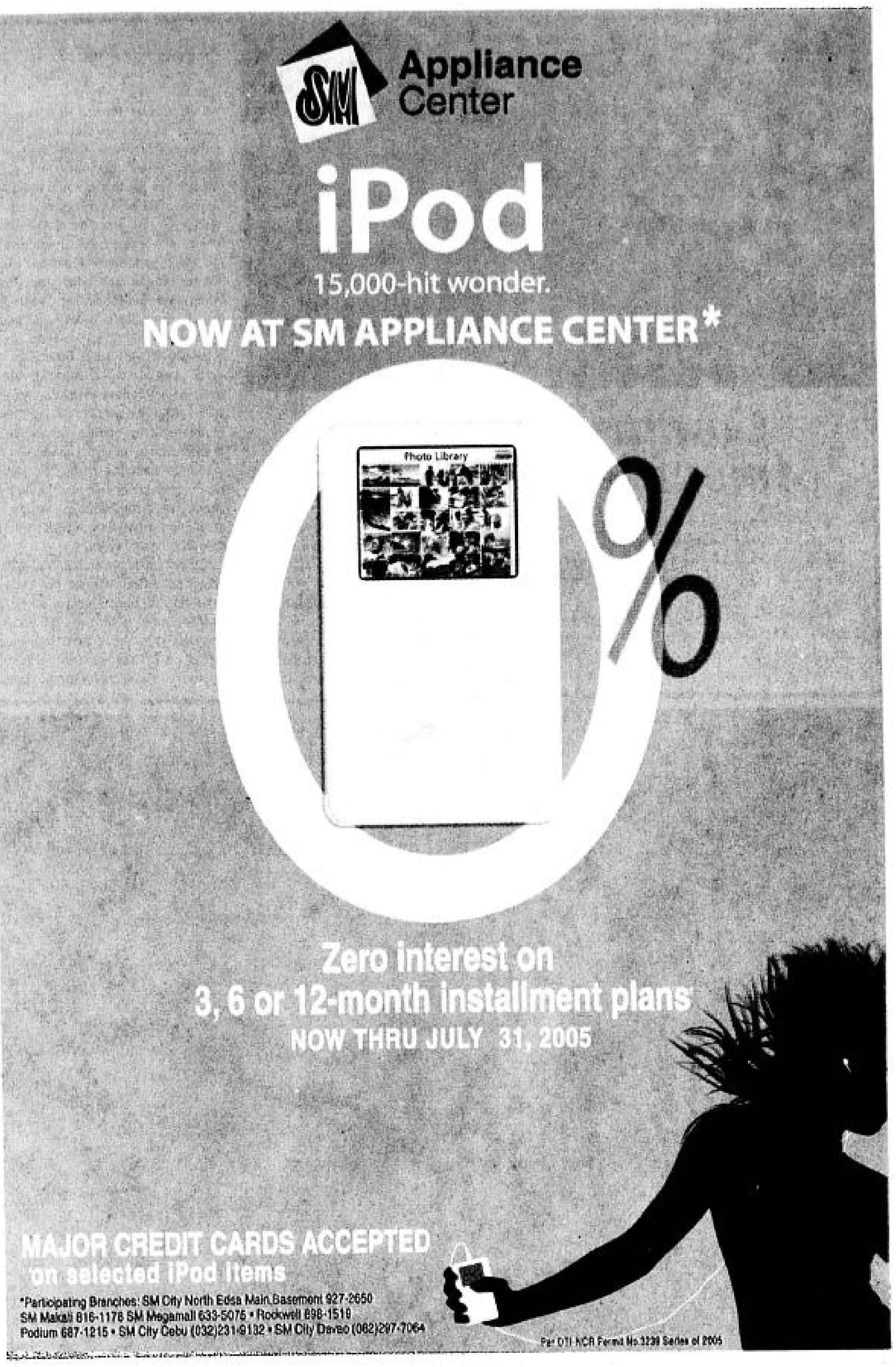

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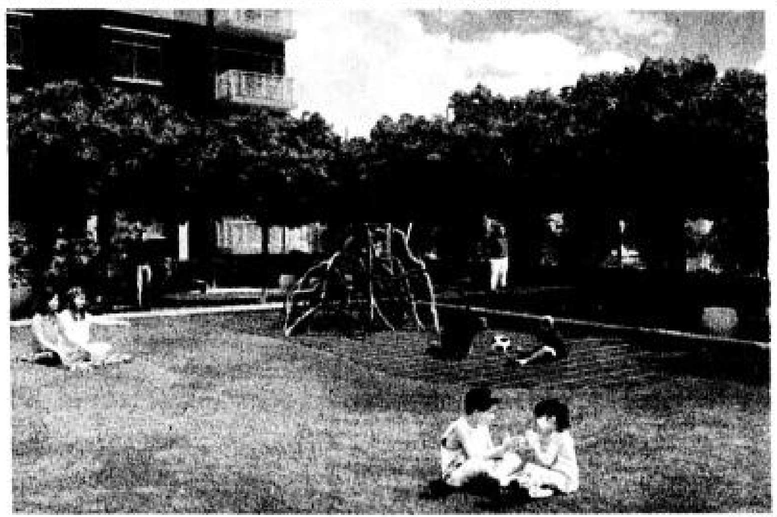

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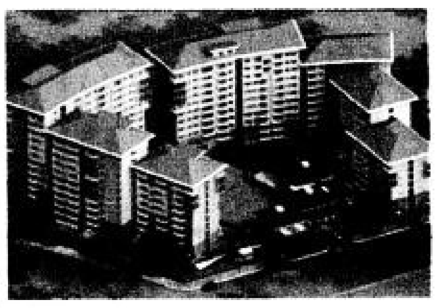

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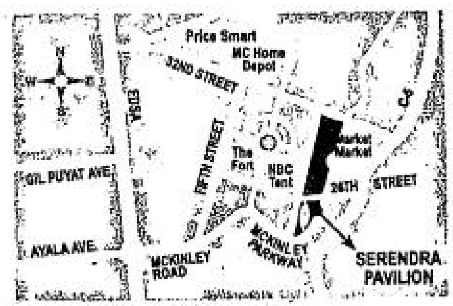

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# Young dad, cool dad

## He became a dad—and a man—at 18

MARZO and Enzo look more like brothers than dad and son.

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**By Pam Pastor**
*daughter of Rene de la Rosa Pastor*

MARZO Samson had just graduated from Ateneo High School and was looking forward to starting his college life when he discovered that his girlfriend Rissa was pregnant. They were both 18.

The two had been together since Marzo was a freshman in high school, and their strong relationship helped them handle their situation. Together, they faced the intimidating task of going to the gynecologist.

When the results came back positive, they had an even more daunting duty—telling their parents about the pregnancy.

"At first, I was more nervous about telling our parents than about having a kid," he says.

One day, while talking on the phone, Marzo and Rissa decided to tell their parents at the same time. "I went to my dad first. He was putting on his shoes at our porch because they were going somewhere. *Ikot ako ng ikot dun*. He looked at me and said, '*Ano, may problema ka?*'"

Marzo gave him the news and his dad took it upon himself to tell Marzo's mom.

With the support of their parents keeping them strong, Marzo and Rissa started to face the many changes that were about to come their way. Marzo made sure he was with Rissa every step of the way. "*Ako na yung nagsusundo sa kanya lagi* and I was with her during checkups."

The two were married and they started living with their parents—with Marzo's during weekdays and with Rissa's during weekends.

One night in October, Rissa woke Marzo up. "She said, *masakit na yung* tummy *ko*. I asked if she wanted me to take her to the hospital but she said not yet. We fell asleep again. The next time she woke me up, *masakit na talaga*. I brought her to the hospital."

Marzo waited nervously outside the delivery room while Rissa was giving birth. After a few hours, he saw his little son for the first time.

"The feeling of holding your baby for the first time is incomparable," he says. And in that instant, Marzo became a man. The son had become a dad.

### Llife-changing

He took the plunge into fatherhood headfirst. "It's a responsibility. It really changes your life. *Iba na yung* priorities *mo. Dati sobra akong labas ng labas, sobra akong mabarkada pero na*-lessen."

But he stresses the importance of staying in touch with his friends. "*Kailangan may* support group *ka din.*"

After bringing home the baby, whom they named Marcus Alonzo, the new parents hardly slept the first two months. They took great care of the baby, calling the doctor when they worried about things. Amazingly, they continued with school, juggling their education and parenthood.

Marzo was always there to witness milestones in little Enzo's life. "The first time he walked, his first words..."

And what was Enzo's first word? "I want to say 'daddy,' but I think it was 'mommy,'" he says.

Marzo also recalls Enzo's first day at school. "He was crying. He was only around 3 then and we were bringing him to Montessori. They wouldn't let his *yaya* in, *kailangan hihintayin lang siya sa labas*. He kept crying, saying, 'Mommy, Daddy, don't leave me.' *Ang hirap kasi umiiyak siya pero alam mong kailangan kasi.*"

Fast forward to today. Although Rissa, a successful model, and Marzo have been living in their own home for two years now, Enzo still spends a lot of time with his doting grandparents. Enzo, who will turn 8 soon, is now a second-grade student at the Ateneo. He's growing up quickly, no doubt about it.

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# Pop and mom all in one

32-year-old Arnold Atienza is bringing up two kids on his own. It's tough, he says, but he loves it

**By Vangie Baga-Reyes**
*daughter of Nap Valencia Baga*

SINGLE parenting is no walk in the park for 32-year-old Arnold "Ali" Atienza. Until now, after having been separated for seven years from his wife and raising his two children single-handedly, he finds his role of being father and "mother" to his kids a truly tough job.

"Being a parent is hard enough, but being a single dad can be pretty overwhelming," says Atienza, son of Manila Mayor Lito Atienza.

ALI Atienza with son Nikko: "We're all like *barkada*. Since I married young, it was like I was also growing up with my kids."

Atienza got married at 21, and had his marriage annulled at 25. He got custody of his kids, and his balancing act started right after the separation.

In the beginning, he was extremely unprepared for the household chores, which his ex-wife had managed without hitch during their years together. He had no idea what it required to do the daily stuff: bathing the kids, getting them ready for school, attending school meetings, tucking them to bed, marketing for food, shopping for clothes, and a host of other duties.

But since he had no choice, Atienza buckled down to work, even learning to clean up the kids after toilet duties. "It's not natural for men to do this stuff, but I was able to do it simply because they are my kids," he says.

"Funny, you don't hear your father tell you how to brush your teeth or shampoo your hair. It's the mom who does that. But I do that. I'm a hands-on father. I would comb and fix my daughter's hair. I'd put ribbons and accessories. I also learned how to braid her hair. Can you imagine a father braiding her girl's locks? But I enjoy it," says Atienza.

## 'Barkada' treatment

Now that his children—Nikki, 11, and Nikko, 9—are about to become teenagers, Atienza says he treats them like his own *barkada*.

"I don't see a generation gap," he says. "We're all like *barkada*. Since I married young, it was like I was also growing up with my kids. *Nasasakyan ko sila*.

"One time, I bought an inflatable swimming pool. They didn't like to get in first, so I just jumped into the pool and they followed. We just stayed there, kidding around and having a great time."

For the longest time, Atienza's kids slept with him in his bedroom. It was only recently that he moved them out to their own bedrooms.

The family spends Sundays going to the mall, watching movies, eating out or driving out of town.

"We also have a 'steak day' wherein my kids and I cook and grill steaks together. On Sundays, we have lunch at my parents' house. At 6 p.m., we all hear Mass," says Atienza.

A former Asian taekwondo gold medalist, Atienza is the head of the Manila Sports Council, the sports and recreation arm of the Manila city government. When he's at work, he keeps in touch with the children through their mobile phones. Discussions between them constantly revolve around their school activities.

"I gave them cell phones for emergency purposes as well. I keep track about their whereabouts," he says.

When the kids were much younger, he tutored them and helped them in their homework. But as the kids' academic load increased, he hired a tutor.

He also makes sure he spends time with the kids before they leave for school in the morning. "I wake up before 6 a.m. to check on their needs. I make sure the school service has picked them up, or I'll be the one to bring them to school. After they leave the house, I go back to sleep. I also go home early as much as I can. If I have an evening meeting, I'd go out after I've already secured the kids at home," says Atienza, a BS Physics graduate of De La Salle University.

Fortunately for him, when he needs an extra hand, his mother and sisters are almost always available to ease the load and watch over the children.

## Welcome challenge

Performing dual roles is always a challenge for any single parent. But Atienza says, "I love the challenge. What happened to me and my marriage made me a stronger and better person.

"I also take the role of a mother as a challenge. To be a dad is easy. It comes naturally to me. I think if you rate me as a father, I'm one of the best. As a 'mother,' maybe I'm the last."

It was only when he became a parent himself that Atienza admits he became aware of the hardships and sacrifices his parents made to ensure his welfare.

"After my experience, I realized *hindi mo pala dapat minumura ang nanay mo, hindi mo inaaway magulang mo. Wala kang karapatan*. You begin to understand their hardships when you become a parent yourself," he says.

Another thing Atienza has realized is that women are stronger than men. "Before, I thought men were the stronger sex. But, at the end of the day, when you chose to be a 'mother,' you realize they have a tougher job than men. They need to be extra strong for their family."

When it comes to imparting values to his kids, Atienza says he looks up to his parents for wisdom and good example, and he wants to pass on these life lessons to his children. He wants them to be independent and to be able to rely on their own wits.

"As a mother and a father, I have the tendency to spoil them and let them be, although there are limits," he says. "I don't want to spoil my kids with money. I tell them to help in the household chores. I also force them to clean their own rooms."

Being a sportsman himself, Atienza has inculcated a love of sports to his young brood by introducing them to various sports. Nikki plays volleyball and table tennis. Nikko is into taekwondo, swimming and football. Recently, Atienza, a scuba-diver, introduced Nikko to snorkeling while on vacation in Bohol.

## 'Significant Other'

Getting remarried at this point is far from Atienza's mind. "They say I'm a 'package deal' because I already have kids. That's true. If ever I'll have a girlfriend, she'll have to take me for what I am and accept my kids, because who they are is practically who I am. My life is my kids."

Atienza says he resists the temptation of having various relationships just because he's single again.

"*Hindi ako naggi*-girlfriend for the sake of having one. I was traumatized by the experience of getting married once and having it annulled," he rues.

But, despite his experience, he still values the sanctity of marriage. "I married young and I made a mistake. So, I promised myself that, next time I get married, I would be truly ready for it. *'Pag nagkamali pa ako, ibig sabihin ako na ang may diperensya!*" he says, laughing.

For now, Atienza has a girlfriend, his first after the separation. They've been going out for a year-and-a-half now, and the girl is in good terms with his kids.

Still, despite being on his own to rear the kids, Atienza feels complete and blessed. "I look at my kids as a blessing. The truth is, I've learned a big deal about life because of them."

Being a single dad is "tough but gratifying. It's well worth all the sacrifices, the sleepless nights, and I wouldn't trade the experience for anything else."

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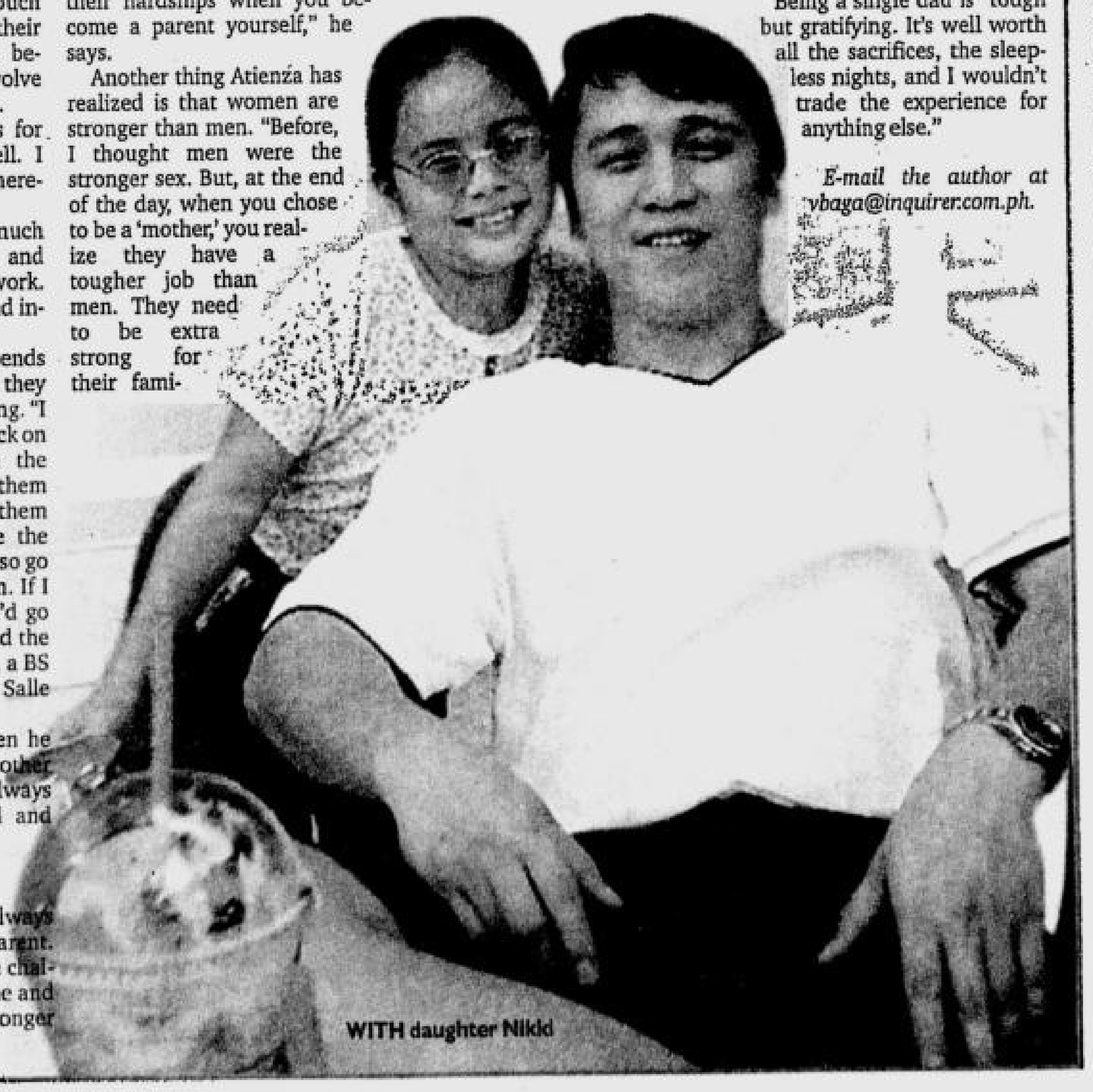

WITH daughter Nikki

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# 'Ang

**By Anne A. Jambora**
*daughter of Santiago Avanzado Jambora*

GIRLS had been throwing themselves at him way before he learned to sashay in the merry world of gayland. He was so irresistibly cute and charming, he says, that his homosexuality was often overlooked by the opposite sex.

And so this flamboyant, self-confessed "supergirl" readily embraced a swinging lifestyle, so to speak. Despite his preference for the same sex, he didn't mind occasional intimate moments with girls as long as they were, well, "nice" to him.

"They were kind to me so I gave them something they wanted in return," Salvador "Dodong" Leal says in Tagalog.

It was almost a shame—and a pity—to turn the women away, he recalls, since they were quite head-turners themselves (he insists, though, that he is still the prettiest of them all). Besides, the girls generously showered him with presents.

Leal was the life of the party, the charmer in a crowd of lackluster characters. He had the best of both worlds, he says, and certainly didn't mind the gush of attention so lavishly given to him. Boy or girl, it didn't matter, he thought. Life was short, and the world was his playground.

So when he learned he was to become a father at 38, the earth did not shake nor did time stand still. The party went on as usual. It was, in fact, the third time he had gotten someone pregnant, he says.

The first time was in 1972, after high school in Lucena City, Quezon, to a woman he claims to have courted him inside a disco club. Unable to accept responsibility, Leal says he fled to San Pablo, Laguna, only to be tracked down by the girl's father, who was stupefied after catching him in full makeup—blush-on, mascara and all! (Leal, a beautician who now owns a beauty salon in Mandaluyong City, had the decency though to wash off his makeup before confronting the father.)

"I told him what I really was, that his daughter knows what I really am, and that I was not hiding behind makeup so I could fool girls to go to bed with me. I couldn't marry his daughter because I was another girl myself," Leal says.

He moved to Baguio City, only to lose himself in a drunken stupor and wake up naked next to a woman whom he recognized as the club's waitress. To make the story short, Leal says he got her pregnant as well, and promptly left for Manila when the young girl's brother asked him about his plans.

## Settling down

In 1991, Leal got another girl pregnant. This time, he finally faced the music. He says he wanted to help give his child a better future, and so he proposed marriage. And he loved her, of course, like a sister.

Rogelia is a simple woman. She didn't demand much from her husband. For Leal, she made an ideal wife. As long as he provided for his family, Leal could continue, and was allowed, to live the carefree life he had always led. And so came and

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# Young dad, cool dad

VIDEOGAME buddies

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*abarkada siya sa amin. Parang nadagdagan na kami ng isa,"* says the proud father.

Marzo, who is now helping manage the family's shoe and apparel business, is glad that his schedule gives him a lot of time to spend with Enzo. "We watch TV together—mostly Cartoon Network. We play the computer. Sometimes we take turns, I'd be watching TV and he'll say, 'Daddy it's your turn to play the computer *na*.'"

Unlike his dad who was a disciplinarian, Marzo's parenting style is more relaxed. "Rissa's the strict one, *mas takot si Enzo sa kanya*. She tells me, *ikaw, bili ka nang bili ng* toys."

But he says he learned a lot of things from his dad that he's applying now in raising his own son. "Manners is one thing. *Gusto ko nagpo-'po' and 'opo' sya*. When I was young *dinadala na ako sa* factory *namin*. I bring Enzo there, too, so he can see it and hopefully get involved."

Marzo sees himself in Enzo. In fact, they look more like brothers than father and son. "*Sinasabi rin nila*. Maybe because we're both skinny. But I'm hard-headed, so..." he trails off, laughing.

He has great dreams for Enzo's future but says he wants his kid to choose his own career. "I want him to decide. It's up to him."

Marzo is thoroughly loving his role as a dad. "I'm enjoying it. *Kasi* when I go home and I'm so tired and I see him, *nawawala yung pagod ko*. I still have the energy to play with him."

He is dreaming of having a daughter in the future. "Because they say daughters are *malambing* to their fathers. *Pero iniisip ko rin, paano kung tumanda na? Natatakot na ako*."

What is the hardest part about being a dad? "*Siguro yung worry ko lang kung paano ko siya mapapalaki nang mabuti*. It's a challenge."

As usual, it's a challenge this young father is facing head-on, with the help of Rissa and Enzo's loving grandparents.

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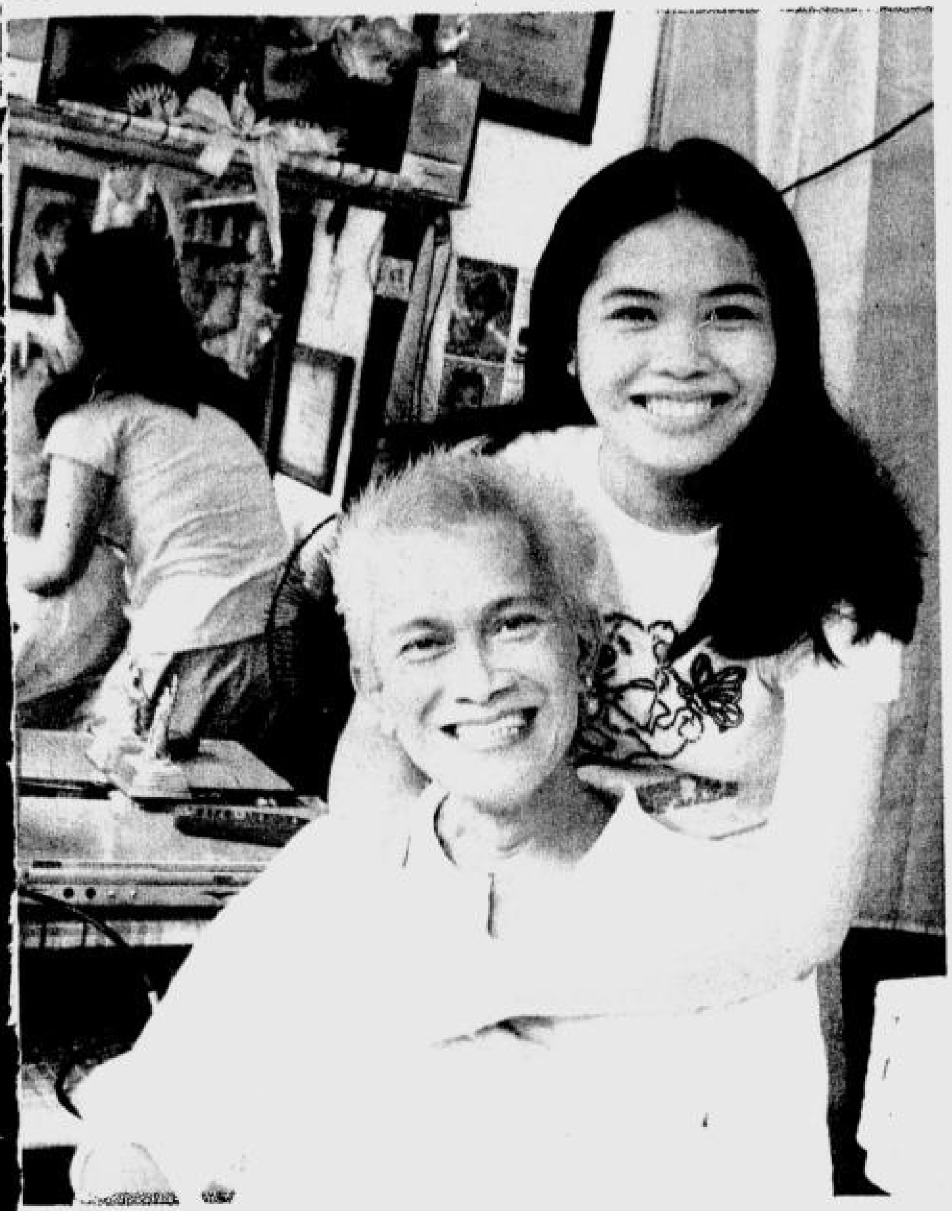
## Leal is a doting father—and he's gay



**DODONG** Leal now devotes his full attention to his daughter El-El.
PHOTO BY CHITO VECINA

went the boys in his life and, okay, the occasional girls.

Although Leal says he has been a doting dad to his daughter El-El since Day One, the reality of fatherhood only sank in when she was about 4 years old. He was out partying with his beau late one night, drunk yet again, when he suddenly remembered he was supposed to pick up El-El from school earlier that day.

"If I had wings I would have flown to be beside El-El," he says. Lucky for him El-El's aunt took it upon herself to pick up the child.

That was Leal's turning point. He found out that as a father things could not naturally go on as they used to. The party was over. It was the end of his "bachelor" days, and the end of his affair with men—and women.

"I have made my choice. I know now that when I die I would be able to say I have done something worthwhile in my life," Leal says.

Attraction, physical or otherwise, to men especially, was not always easy to resist. Leal says that try as he might, he cannot just shut down that part of him. What keeps his hands to himself though, he says, is the mere thought of his daughter. He hates to break her heart.

Besides, now 52, Leal says the possibility of finding true love from young men is now nil.

### Protective

Everyone in their neighborhood knows Leal is a homosexual, so he sees to it that her daughter's friends and classmates treat her with respect. So far, he says his daughter, now 14, has not once reported being ridiculed at school. In their neighborhood, Leal has a reputation for having a fiery temper when it comes to safeguarding his daughter's welfare.

El-El is aware of her father's sexual orientation. All of her godfathers, in fact, are his dad's gay friends. On her spare time, she helps her dad around the beauty salon. She is every inch daddy's little girl.

When she was younger, she used to impatiently call upon her dad to hurry up and do her makeup for the annual *sagala*. (She does her own makeup now.) More than once, says Leal, she would tease him about some guy he supposedly had a crush on. A budding teenager already with her share of suitors, he often finds himself giving her advice on boys, among other growing-up issues. And he screens her suitors like any typical father.

Although Leal is a strict disciplinarian and can be overly protective, he also believes in giving his daughter enough breathing room to make her own mistakes. He is, after all, raising her to be a strong woman.

"I think the toughest part about being a gay father is earning your child's respect. I hope my daughter will continue to respect me for who I really am. She is the greatest gift in my life," he says.

Today, Leal's obsession, as he calls it, is to see through his daughter's studies. Like her father before her, she wants to become a teacher someday. But as long as his daughter remains true to herself, he says he has already done well as a father.

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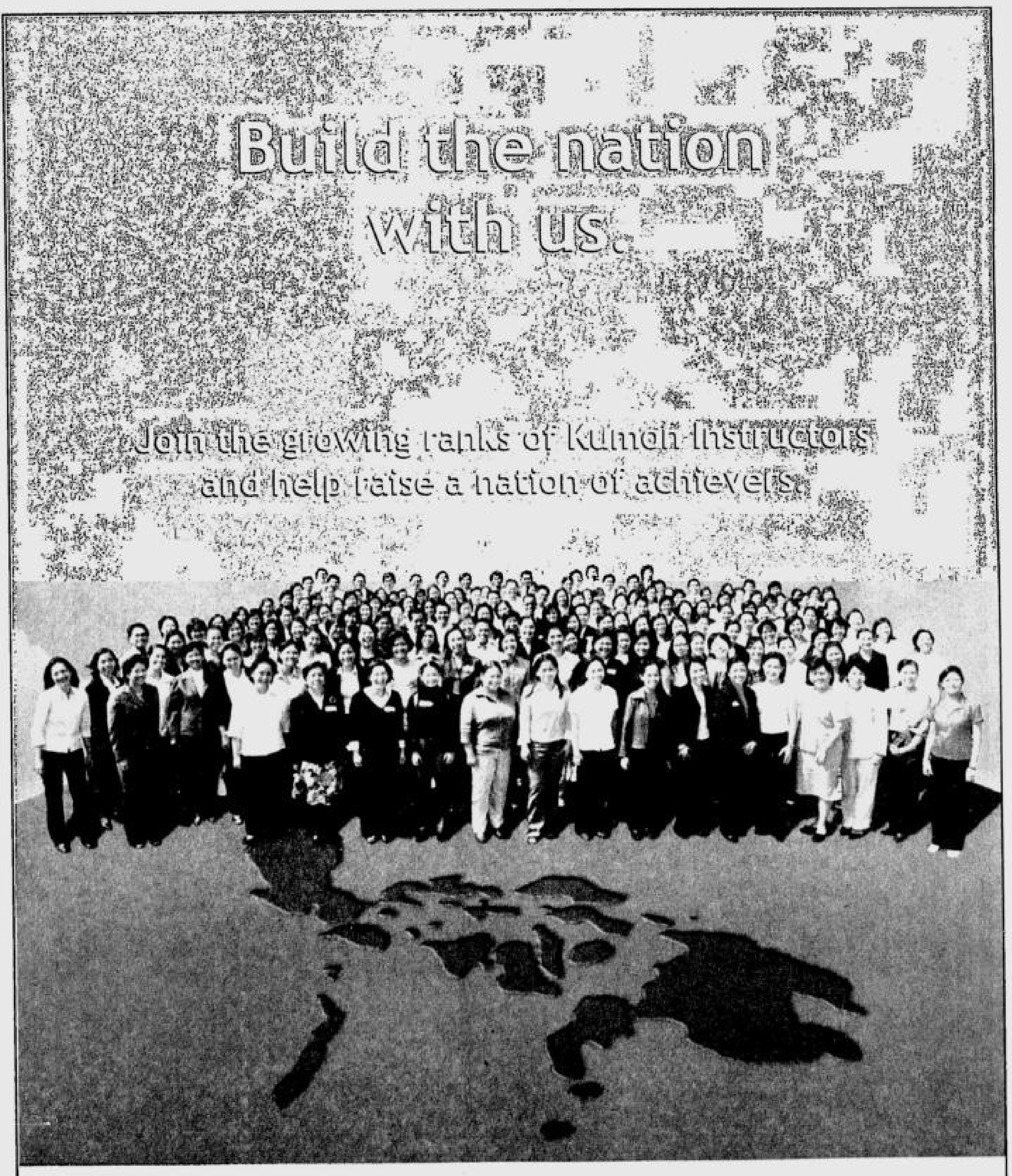
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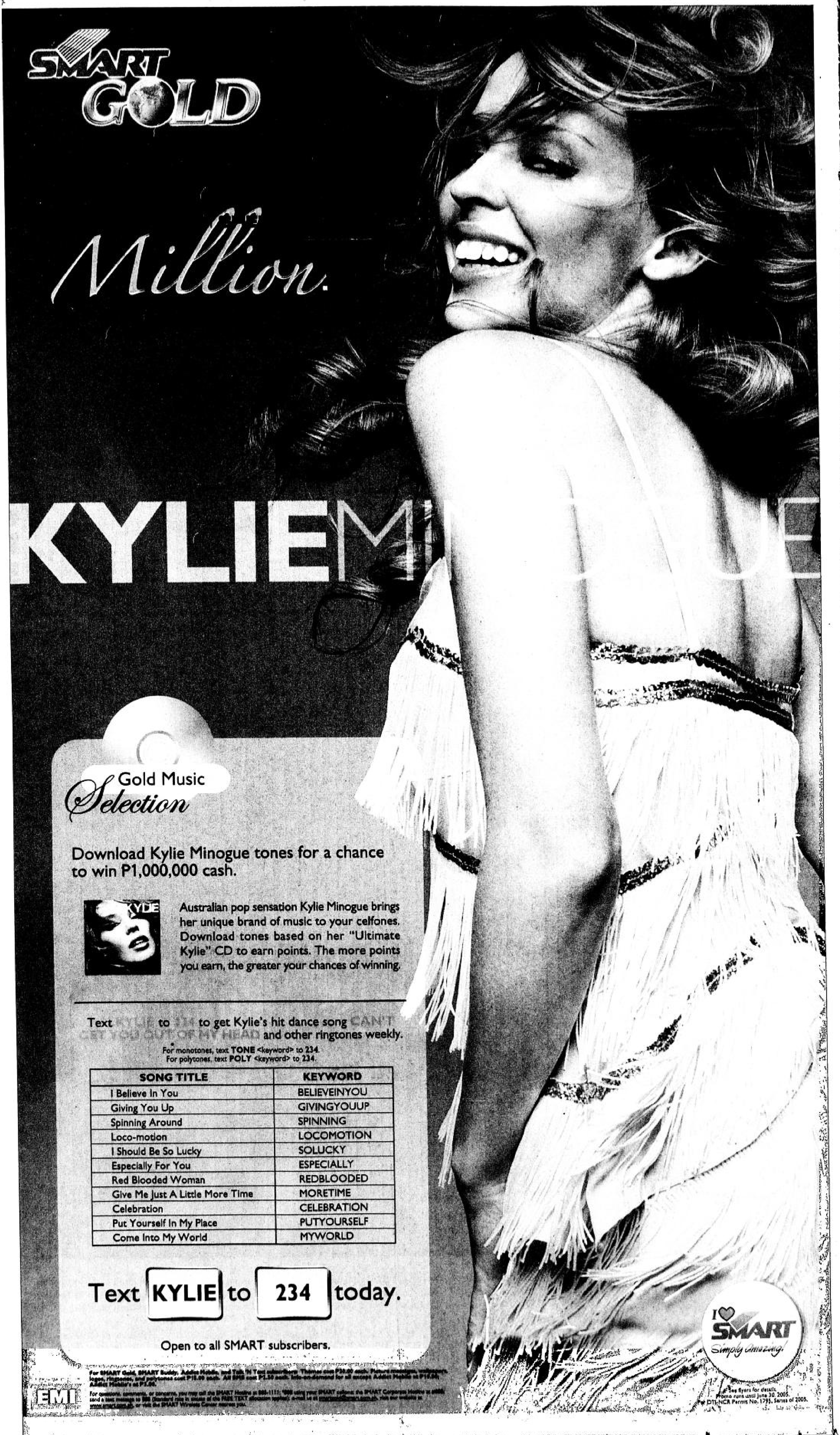

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# Wicked stepdad he ain't

Buddy Garbanzos is a regular buddy to his stepkids

**WARMING** up to her stepdad didn't take overnight, says Moonyeen Cruz-Cazeñas. Today, her Papa Buddy is also a role model and doting grandpa to her kids and those of her siblings.

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**By Cheche V. Moral**
*daughter of Salvador Napili Moral*

"HE'S not the best dad for my children because they have their dad... But he is the best stepdad for them."

So says Shinette Garbanzos of Salvador "Buddy" Garbanzos, her husband of 27 years.

Unconventional and complex would be words to describe the story of this couple and their children.

Shinette, 57, and Buddy, 60, both came from separate failed relationships when their courtship began in the late '70s. She had two children with her first husband, a son and a daughter. He had a son from his earlier partnership.

Shinette is a psychologist who owns a counseling center called Da Seekers Cove at Robinsons Galleria. Buddy is a management consultant.

"Buddy and I didn't move in together right away," Shinette recalls. They would, however, create occasions to bring the three kids together. "We would go on trips, just the five of us." Her ex-husband himself eventually remarried.

The couple now admits their early years together were anything but easy, especially when it came to the children. Shinette's kids resented Buddy; his son resented Shinette. But they somehow prepared themselves for the ensuing dramas, or "initial barriers," as Buddy likes to call them.

**HAPPY DAYS.** Salvador "Buddy" Garbanzos and wife Shinette with their children Stephen Garbanzos, Moonyeen Cruz-Cazeñas and Rommel Cruz

After all, he notes, they were all too familiar with social stereotypes of stepparents as bad and evil. Children see stepdads and stepmoms as rivals for their parent's attention.

## Unfazed

Even then, the Garbanzoses were unfazed. The couple was determined to pick up the shards from their broken families and make a semblance of a family. They felt they owed it to their children who became unwitting victims of their parents' mistakes. "We wanted to create one whole family for them," Shinette says.

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# My dad, the homemaker

**By Belle V. Bondoc**
*daughter of Roberto Tiglao Bondoc*

HE does the laundry and the ironing. He runs the household like a tight ship. He takes care of the kids like a skilled nanny. But doing chores usually done by women doesn't make him less of a man.

*"Hindi ko kailanman ikinahiya ang mga bagay na ginagawa ko para sa pamilya ko at hindi 'yon kabawasan sa pagkalalaki ko,"* proudly said Alfredo Escasinas Santos, 59, father to two grown children, Roan, 28 and Alfred, 26.

Santos became a "house-husband" when his wife Linda got an offer to work abroad. She took advantage of the better job opportunity to provide for the education of their two children.

Linda left for Saudi Arabia in 1988 to work as a beautician in Riyadh.

Santos said it was a mutual decision. They both agreed that they had to make a sacrifice to help secure their children's future.

Santos had no choice but to take over his wife's responsibilities at home. According to him, the kids were just too young to understand the "separation." Roan was 10 years old while Alfred was only eight when their mother left them to work abroad.

To counter the physical distance in the family, Santos said, his wife Linda would call them at least three times a week to check on them, and visit them for two months, every two to three years.

## Education

Now, for 17 years, they could withstand the hardship of separation. With the money Linda regularly sends, they were able to send their kids to good schools.

*"Suwerte ang mga anak namin dahil hindi nila kailangan danasin ang mga naranasan naming hirap noon para makapag-aral lang,"* said Santos.

Alfredo Escasinas Santos has been a 'house-husband' since his wife left for the Middle East in 1988

He recalled how at a young age he had to shuttle from one odd job to another to support his education. Being the eldest in a brood of 11, he had to work rather than complete his college studies to provide financial help for his family. After high school, he worked as a survey aide, then a caretaker in a Japanese club, and a tour coordinator in a travel agency. He also worked in a casino.

Education, he said, was not his parents' priorities. He was in second-year college at the Philippine College of Commerce (now Polytechnic University of the Philippines) when he was forced to leave school because of poverty.

Aware of how difficult it was to live in poverty, Santos and his wife promised themselves that their kids will receive nothing but the best education their hard-earned money could buy.

As a hands-on dad, Santos became very much involved in his kids' education. He kept abreast of his children's activities at home and school. He never missed PTA meetings and family affairs in school.

The *hatid-sundo* ritual for his kids, to and from school, was also part of his duties as a full-time dad. *"Hanggang tumuntong sa kolehiyo ang panganay ko at mag-*practice *ng kurso niya, hatid-sundo ko pa din siya,"* said Santos.

## Biggest fear

He admitted that playing the dual roles of father and mother to his kids was never an easy task. He recalled how he struggled to make up for the absence of his wife, especially in taking care of their youngest son who had a Complex Partial Seizure, a common type of epilepsy characterized by recurrent seizures. Alfred's condition, he said, required a lot of understanding and attention.

Alfred was 10 months old when he met an accident. He fell while playing and hit his head on the concrete floor. He looked normal though, until he reached Grade 2, when Santos noticed some changes in his son's behavior.

From then on, Alfred had to take maintenance medicine to prevent frequent seizure attacks. "Continuous *ang* medication *niya, medyo may kamahalan nga lang gamot niya,"* said Santos.

Despite his strained condition, Alfred was able to finish high school. However, he had to stop when he was in first-year college. Santos recalled a painful incident in Alfred's life that forced his son to leave school.

*"Pinagtulungan siya sa eskwelahan nang minsan sumpungin siya ng sakit niya, akala nanggugulo," he said.*

Santos and his wife were just too scared that the same incident might happen again. *"Kaya nagdesisyon kami na patigilin muna siya sa pag-aaral,"* said Santos. The decision, he said, was for Alfred's own protection and safety.

His biggest fear now as a father is that his son would not be able to live a normal life because of his illness. Yet he still holds hope for his son.

The Santos couple did not just passively accept their son's fate at first; they took the boy for other doctor's opinions. Eventually, however, they learned to face the truth. This was one true thing the family would have to deal with and get through.

## Full-time dad

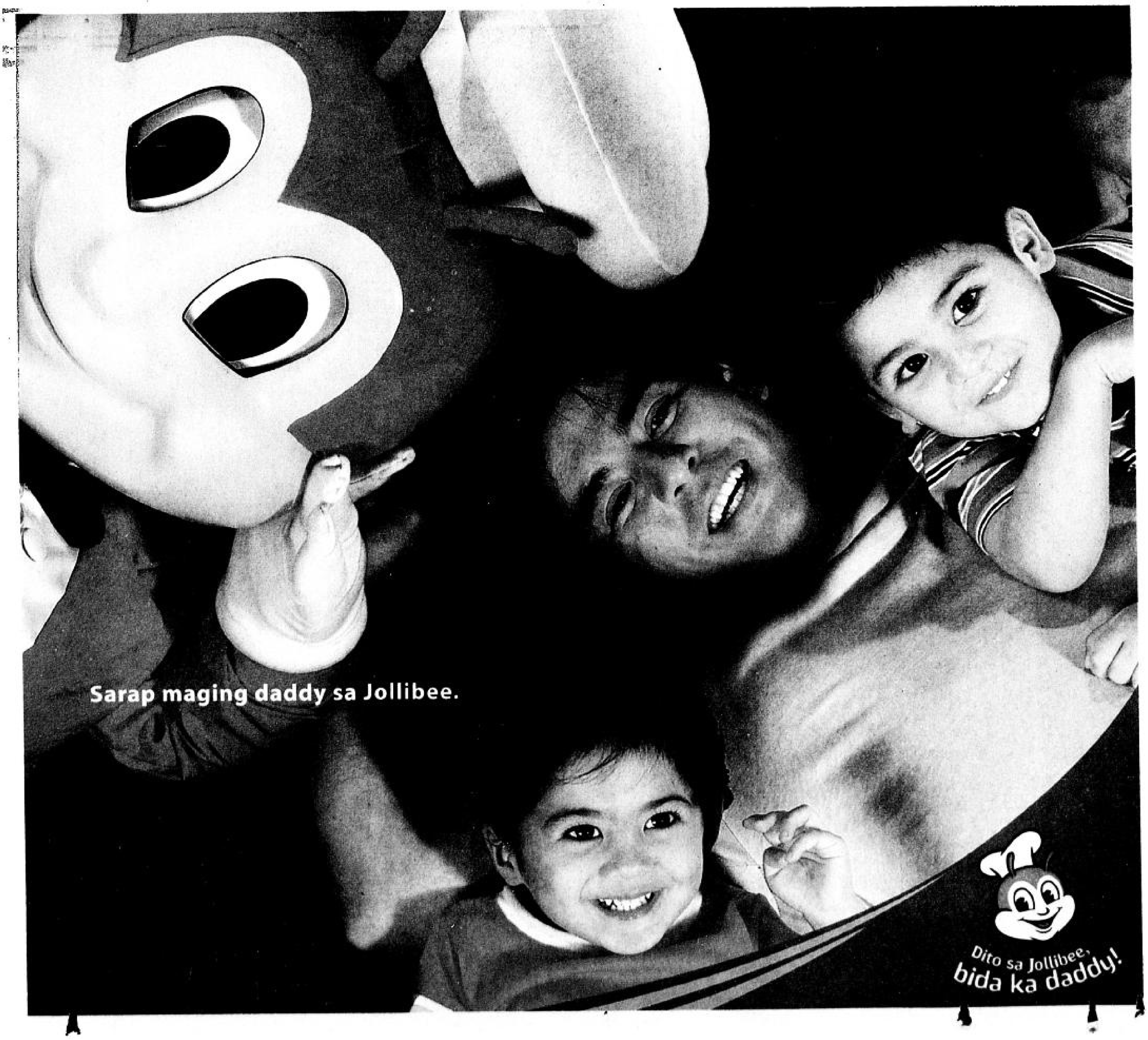
Santos admitted that working at home had provided him the opportunity to become closer to his children.

As father-children bonding session, they go to Church every Sunday. Whenever they're free, they eat together to spend quality time together.

**DADDY Freddie with daughter Roan and son Alfred** RYAN LIM

The eldest, Roan, just seems to be delighted with her house dad. "We're just so proud of him, *siya ang nanay at tatay namin. Ginampanan niya ang responsibilidad niya bilang magulang, hindi niya binalewala,"* she said.

Roan is now a registered nurse and hopes to work abroad. She recently got married and now lives with her husband in an apartment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*"Kapag may kailangan silang mag-asawa, sa akin pa din sila tumatakbo at bukas naman palagi ang pintuan ng bahay para sa kanila,"* said Santos.

Aside from being a full-time homemaker, Santos is also a barangay councilman. His schedule is flexible enough that he can still work around important events in his children's lives.

The important advice he always gives his kids, *"Kailangan lagi silang parehas, at hindi manlalamang ng kapwa. Iyon ang mahalaga. Dapat makatwiran sa lahat ng bagay."*

For his kids, he's the authority figure. He has his own house rules that must be followed religiously. Yet, he makes sure that all channels of communication are smoothly working for dialogue and interaction.

When asked if he considered himself as an accomplished dad, he struggled to control his emotions, *"Hindi naman natatapos ang pagiging tatay,"* said Santos.

For him, fatherhood is a lifetime commitment.

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# Wicked stepdad he ain't

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Twenty-seven years hence, the couple has apparently done a fine job.

"We all benefited from the abnormalities," says Rose Moonyeen Cruz-Cazeñas, 37, Shinette's daughter. "Our parents let us know how sorry they were. They allowed us to express our anger... Now when they ask us if they [screwed us up] so badly, we tell them no, because we all turned out okay."

Moonyeen, who lived with her dad until she was 18 (she and older brother Rommel Cruz later lived with the Garbanzoses), describes her relationship with her stepfather as "wonderful."

So wonderful, in fact, that she asked him to walk her down the aisle on her wedding day.

"Nothing can change the fact that I am my father's daughter," says this avowed daddy's girl. "I chose Papa Buddy because it was my way of acknowledging that he is part of the family... Besides, I thought, my dad had another daughter. To Papa Buddy, I felt I was special because I was his only daughter... He never said anything to influence my decision. It was my mom who was worried of how my (real) dad would feel."

Her father understandably felt bad, Moonyeen says, "but I'm so proud of my dad because he was very understanding."

Moonyeen says her stepdad never imposed himself on them. When Shinette and her kids had their "dynamics," he always made sure to ask first if his presence was needed. "He was our counselor... Mom easily got very emotional. That's when we would call Papa Buddy. He never took sides; he was always fair and neutral. He's *totoo*."

## Instilling responsibility

Early on, Buddy says he made sure Moonyeen and Rommel knew he had no intention of exercising any power over them. "Of course kids have 'spontaneous behaviors,' especially Rommel," Buddy recalls with a sigh. *"Hihinga ka na lang nang malalim...* We taught them a sense of responsibility, to be responsible for their actions. We allowed them to do what they wanted, to go where they wanted, *na may kasamang dasal.*"

Buddy's affection for Moonyeen and Rommel was sincere, Shinette says. She never imposed any rules on him with regards to the children. "He embraced them as his own, like I did with his son Stephen. I didn't tell Stephen he had to be good to me so he can be close to his dad, and Buddy was the same way with my kids."

Shinette believes if a person is truly good in his heart, loving his spouse's children can only come naturally. *"Mas spiritual nga iyon. Mas mataas na antas ng pagmamahal kung magagawa mong mahalin ang hindi mo kadugo."* She admits the fact that she and Buddy didn't have a child together may have also made things easier.

Their unusual family setup, however, never got in the way of Stephen forging a bond with his father. Buddy is the best dad, the 32-year-old says. "He helped me separate the issues between him and my mom... I wasn't physically with him all the time, and he didn't treat me differently, but we had a special bond just between the two of us... It's not one single moment that would always remind me of my dad. It's his disposition.

"I'm a father now, and sometimes I want to control my son. Dad's not like that. He says his piece, but he never disagrees. He lets you decide. But I know that if I get into something, he will be there for me."

His relationship with Moonyeen and Rommel was nothing but that of real siblings, Stephen adds. "It's other people who put labels, that we're stepbrothers and stepsister. To us, we're just siblings."

Rommel is sadly no longer around to say what he thought of his stepfather. The young man passed away in August after suffering a stroke. "He had a lot of respect for Buddy," a tearful Shinette says of her son.

And Rommel's widow agrees. "It has been [Papa Buddy] who's been acting as dad to my kids after my husband died," Cristina Ong-Cruz says. "He has a special bond with my teenage daughter. He takes her shopping, he drives for her, and he's very patient... I have issues with her when it comes to spending, and Grandpa has a way of explaining it to her without sounding like an adult."

Cristina adds the well-read Buddy has exposed her children to reading. It is his contention that even expensive books are an investment, and he instills this in the grandchildren. The young widow says it is also Buddy who comes in to iron out whatever issues she and her mother-in-law have.

Shinette says her own mother advised Cristina that when she decides to remarry, "to pick someone like her Papa Buddy."

Moonyeen, herself a mother of three, says her eldest daughter takes after a lot of Buddy's ways. The teenager likes her things very organized, like Grandpa. "It is Papa's belief that the best way to teach a child is to be a model... Can you believe, he dances with the kids on tiptoes in the mall? *Hindi lang siya tatay, lolo pa!*"

Buddy himself is self-effacing, declining to say what he feels he did right that his "children" all have nothing but good words to say about him.

"I just think at the end," he explains, "you will have nothing but memories. So make sure to create good memories because those are the only things they will remember."

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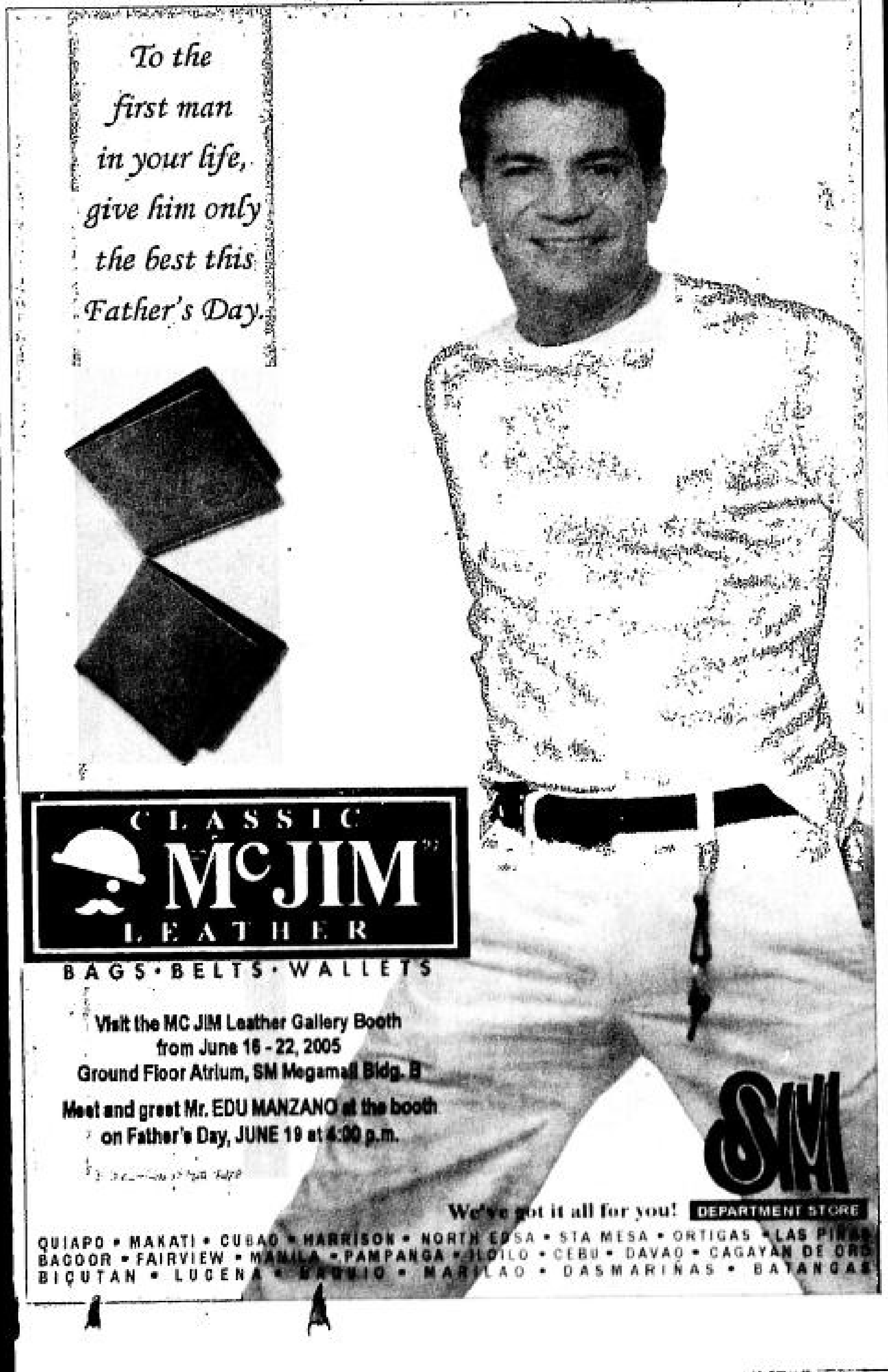

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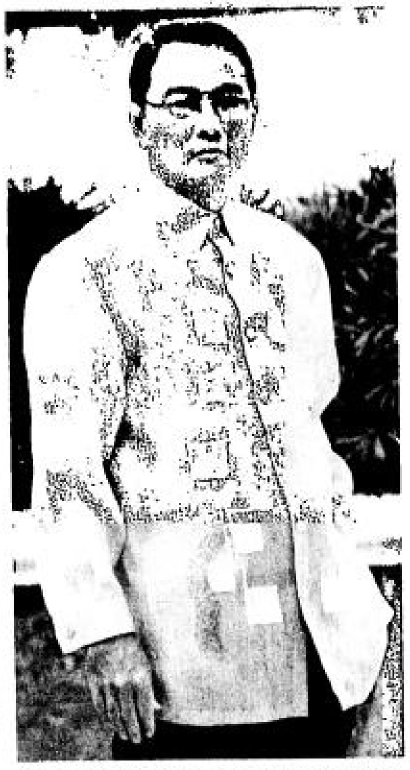
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# All for the family

## Five successful dads talk about what it means to raise their kids and nurture the family

**Text by Alex Y. Vergara,**
*son of Vicente Bombales Vergara*
**Photos by Chito Vecina**

THE DEMANDS of their work often require these dads to spend long hours outside their homes or go on occasional trips abroad. Despite their killer schedules, however, they make it a point to find ways of spending quality time with their families.

### Family of swimmers

Dennis Valdes, EVP of FEP Printing and an avid diver like wife Tessa, has begun introducing nine-year-old son Tyrone to scuba diving. Dubbed as the bubble maker, the lessons are meant to prepare him for the real thing once he's big enough to fit into a wet suit.

Younger daughter Annika, 7, can also take up the sport someday if she wishes. Thanks to her sea- and sun-worshipping parents, the girl is also adept at swimming. It looks like youngest daughter Athena, who's barely a month old (yes, says Dennis, she was "made in Greece" during last year's Olympics), is bound to enjoy the water like her older siblings.

"Kids grow up so fast," says Dennis. "You really have to be mindful of spending enough time with them. In the case of Brian, who's big enough to live by himself, I ask him to e-mail us at least once a week to let us know how he is."

Brian, the eldest son, is studying in the United States. Dennis is planning to take him kayaking in Cagayan once he comes home for the summer break.

Dennis had a close call early this year when, on a trip to India, the helicopter he was riding in crashed. But that unfortunate incident had one positive result: He was able to spend more time with his two younger children.

"It was like a forced vacation for me, as I could hardly move," says Dennis, who had to lie on his back most of the time during the first few months after the accident. "The children would often spend the time with me downstairs in my makeshift bedroom and we'd spend hours talking."

### Recent project

In the case of architect Douglas Ramsey, work sometimes doubles as playtime, as he and wife Cathy sometimes take Sam, 11, and Tyler, 2, for leisurely strolls at the nearby American Cemetery.

"The cemetery's restoration was one of the most recent projects I did," he explains. "If time allows, the family and I go to Punta Fuego on weekends. We also swim regularly in the village pool."

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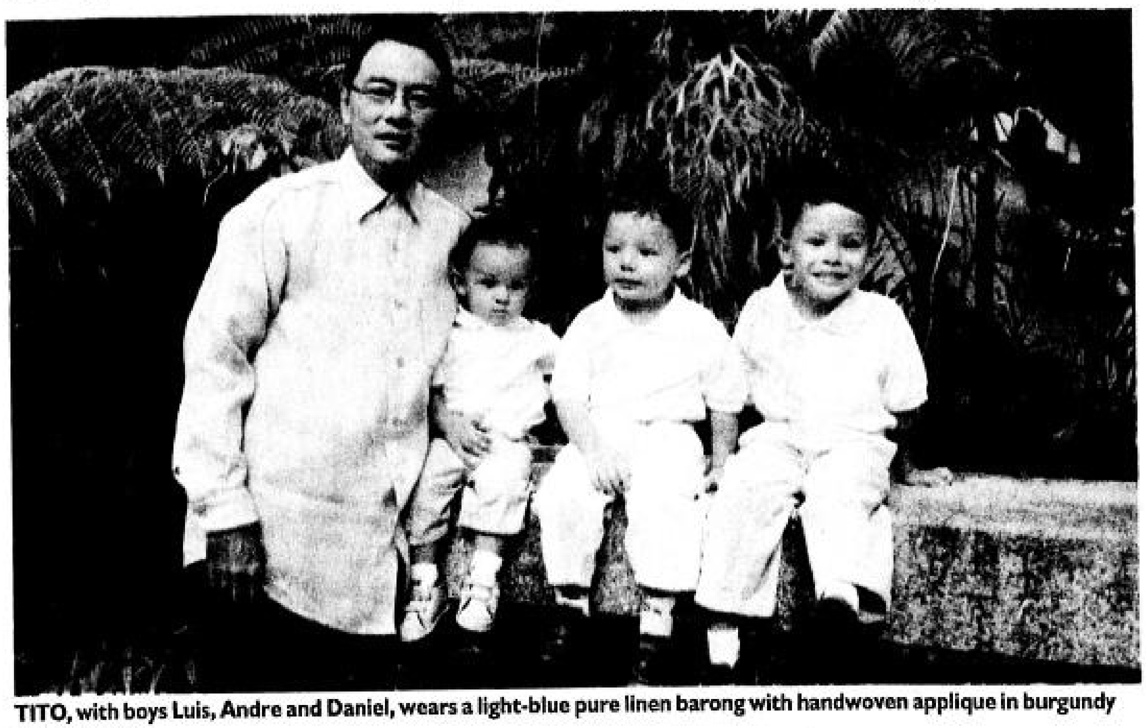

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**DENNIS**, with son Tyrone, wears a brown handwoven silk barong with embroidery and beadwork.

# All for the family

Keeping the family a top priority is certainly one value these five busy, successful fathers all have in common

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For nearly a decade, the couple had grown used to dealing with one child, until Tyler "unexpectedly" came along soon after the family came home from a trip to Disneyland. Their sprawling, Pan-Asian-inspired home was never the same again.

"We wanted to call him Goofy, but decided against it at the last minute," says Douglas in jest.

Since Tyler was a sickly premature baby, his parents were constantly taking him in and out of the hospital soon after he was born. He nearly died when one of his lungs burst while doctors were trying to revive him.

Today, there's not a trace of those early struggles on Tyler. The boy with a round face and easy smile is in the pink of health.

Disneyland's loss turned out to be Graceland's gain, as Tyler is proving to be an amusing mimic of Elvis Presley—down to the bent leg and swinging hips. Credit (or blame) should go to the family driver, a diehard fan of the King, who plays CDs and DVDs of the late singer at every turn.

"It used to be just us and our daughter," Douglas recalls fondly. "Look at her. She's almost a teenager now. I can't carry her anymore."

Like what he does with Sam, Douglas plans to take Tyler with him during informal meetings with friends and clients in the future. Apart from teaching kids how to behave and listen, he believes such occasions put them in the right "social context."

## Weekends for family

Speaking of social context, French couple Edouard and Sevrine Miailhe have become used to hearing their three blond kids Theophile, 6, Eliot, 4, and Annabelle, 2½, speaking in English (and Taglish!) with an unmistakable Filipino accent.

When we ask little Anabelle, for instance, how they are spending their Saturday afternoon, she nonchalantly replies, "We're going *pasyal, pasyal*."

After several months of going to the mall with her two older brothers, the girl has already memorized the family's weekend routine down pat. This time they're watching the last installment of "Star Wars." There are also days when they go for a swim at an exclusive sports club.

"If we have the time," says Edouard, a businessman who owns and manages a security printing company that deals with the Central Bank, "we also spend it either in Batangas or Mindoro. As much as possible, I spend my weekends with the family."

**DOUGLAS**, with kids Tyler and Sam, wears a black ramie linen barong with floral vine embroidery in beige, brown and wooden beads.

This doesn't mean that Edouard is an absentee father during the rest of the week. If his schedule allows, he tries to drop by to have dinner at home with the family before attending to his after-six meetings.

## Flexible hours

Tito Yuchengco, a freelance financial adviser, also relishes the flexible hours his job allows. He recently came from a quick business trip in New York that didn't last beyond five days.

"I can't wait to get back home, so I try to do everything as fast as possible," says the father of four boys (three—Daniel, 4, Andre, 2, and Luis, 1—are still pre-schoolers, while Kenji is already 17).

He and his wife Marit often go to Tagaytay with the three boys for a swim. But the real action happens in Mactan, where the family occasionally spends their weekends, away from madding Manila. Despite the usual hassles associated with going out of town, the Yuchengcos wouldn't have it any other way.

"It's difficult to manage boys," says Tito. "In fact, you don't manage them. They manage you."

## Second-time parents

Like Tito, Ed Delgado, CEO and president of Delbros Inc., and wife Margarita have had some practice raising children long before Camille, 11, and Anton, 7, were born. How come?

The couple has been there and done that before, raising Paolo, 23, and Clarissa, 19. Their first set of children is currently based abroad, while their second set is living with them in Manila.

"My biggest fear [when the second set came] was attending a father-and-son day in school and competing with dads half my age," says Ed. "So far, they haven't beaten me yet."

Indeed, being competitive is one trait Ed inculcated early on among his kids. During Paolo and Clarissa's time, he enrolled them in *arnis* classes. This time Camille and Anton are into an indigenous form of self-defense involving bladed weapons called *pitiki tirsiakali*.

As a member of the board of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, Ed has spent the weekend with both his two sons on different occasions, camping and rappelling in the outdoors. As soon as his two young ones are old enough, he plans to teach them how to ride the motorcycle, like he did before to his two older children.

"I'm doing with Anton everything I used to do with Paolo," says the doting father. "The only problem is I'm not getting any younger. I have to exert more effort now to do the things I used to do with ease 15 years ago."

Dinners are always ideal opportunities to bond in the Delgado home. It's the time of day when family members get to sit down at the table to talk and try to catch up on each other's day.

"My two older children tend to disagree," says Ed, "but I'm still as strict as I was when it comes to disciplining my two younger children. My wife and I have always put an emphasis on values."

Keeping the family a top priority is certainly one value Ed Delgado has in common with Dennis Valdes, Douglas Ramsey, Edouard Miailhe and Tito Yuchengco.

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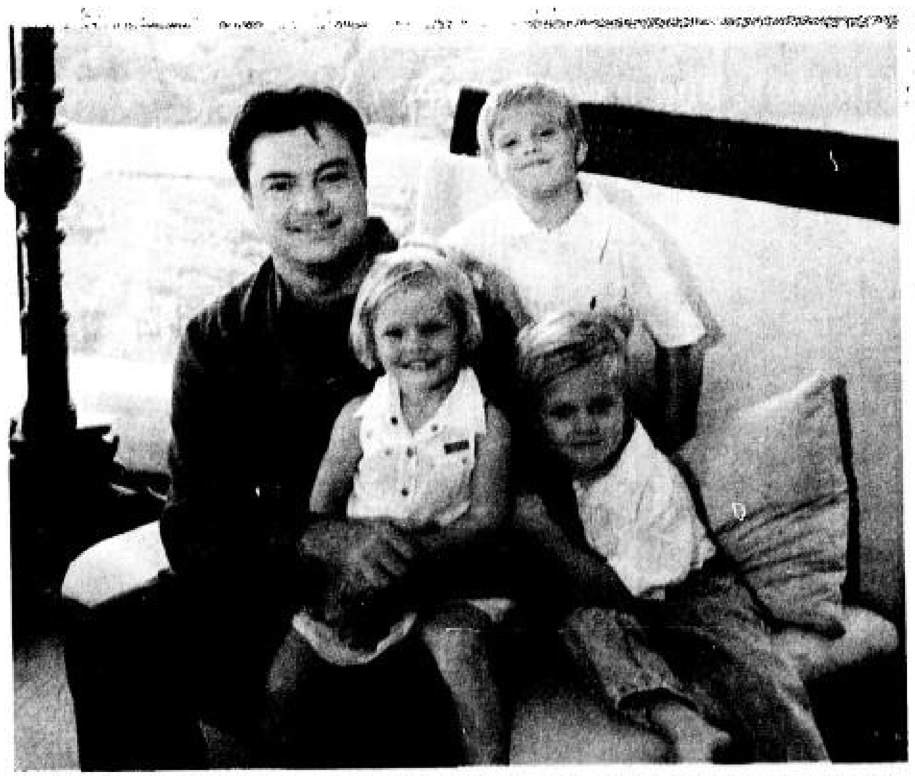
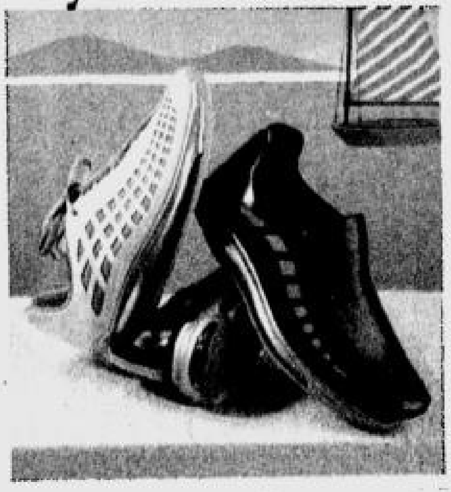


**EDOUARD**, with kids Anabelle, Eliot and Theophile, wears a ramie linen barong in indigo with red hand stitching.

**ED**, with kids Anton and Camille, wears a pale yellow ramie linen barong with geometric applique made of raffia.

# Stylish footwear and accessories for Dad



COLE Haan offers ultra-comfortable, stylish footwear and accessories for Dad today until June 30. He gets a P1,000 special edition Cole Haan gift certificate plus a signature Cole Haan giveaway for every purchase of its latest collection.

This includes the Air Layton in brown soft calfskin with outsole featuring non-visible Nike Air technology. For his leisure trips, there's the Highview collection by Cole Haan's G-Series, which features calfskin upper of reflective trim, mesh fabric-lined for moisture wicking and temperature control, polyuthrane midsole for cushioning and shock absorbance, rubber outsole for traction, full-length Nike Vis Air technology.

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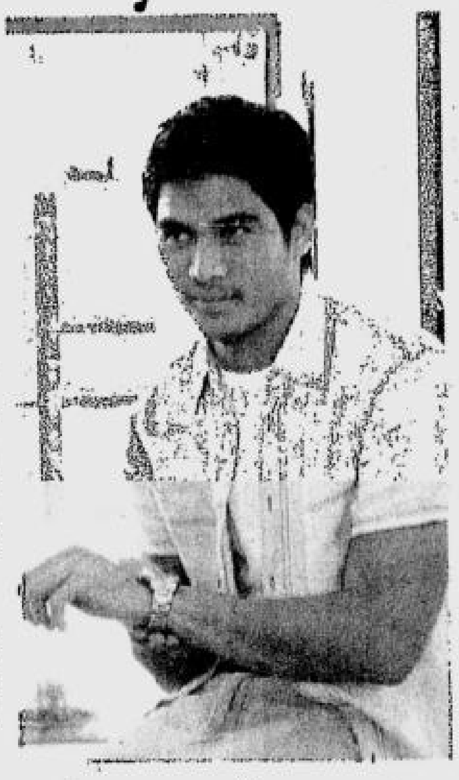
# Time for reality check

WITH ITS new ad campaign, Timex, the leading American watch brand, changes gears from the darkly sleek and stylized billboard ads to something more down to earth and real.

With celebrity models Marc Nelson, Claudine Baretto and Piolo Pascual, Timex shows "Real Time, Real People." Since Timex has a watch for every aspect of one's life, the ads are now taking us inside each of the celebrities' lives, breaking away from the stereotype and revealing the larger-than-life billboard images as real people.

It wasn't so much as reinventing Timex's image as showing how Timex is used by normal people. Every photo layout of the ad tells a story, showing the unguarded moments of these celebrities' lives, from play to rest, in special occasions, or even while fixing the roof, Timex is there.



**OUTSIDE** of the glare of the spotlight, Piolo Pascual is his ordinary self, sporting Timex.

# Exciting activities for fathers

EASTWOOD City Walk 2 presents Father's Day Exhibit until today. Featured are digital gadgets, audio equipment, sports gear and electronics. A minimum accumulated purchase of P1,000 entitles Dad to a Hardware Magazine. Call 687-6770 to 74.

POWER Plant Mall and Prestige Cars BMW raffles off a BMW Weekend Drive until today. Every

P2,000 single receipt purchase from any establishment in the mall entitles one to join the promo. One lucky winner will bring home the latest BMW for a whole weekend. The grand draw is on June 24, 5 p.m., at Power Plant Mall.

# Gifts to bring dad good fortune

THE WORLD of Feng Shui Boutique at G/L The Podium, No. 18, ADB Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City, is having a "Father's Day Special" weekend until today, June 19. Get your dad a gift that will help invite good fortune, success and happiness.

Here are a few gift suggestions:

1. Kwan Kung is regarded as the protector of the oppressed, the patron saint of policemen, the guardian deity of the triads and, in recent times, protector of politicians and business leaders alike. The fierce countenance of the Kwan Kung facing the front door prevents bad things from entering.

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2. Sailing ships filled with many gold coins and ingots represent a triumphant homecoming. Ideally, more than one ship should be displayed. Each ship represents a source of income, so many ships connote opportunities for multiple sources of income.

3. Horse, a favorable Yang creature, embodies noble characteristics such as strength, perseverance and speed, as well as loyalty and elegance. A horse is precious when laden with valuable things or decorated with gems.

4. Dragon and phoenix are the ultimate Yang and Yin symbols of Chinese cosmology and mythology. The dragon is the symbol of male vigor and fertility, while the phoenix is Yin splendor and female beauty when placed next to the dragon. Together they symbolize a fruitful marriage.

5. Fuk Luk Sau represents the three most important manifestations of good fortune. Sau reflects the universal wish for long life and Fuk, the universal wish for wealth and enhanced income. Luk is the God of Power and usually always stands at the center.

6. The Laughing Buddha, one of the most beloved of Buddha images, is sometimes referred to as the Buddha of Wealth, believed to bring prosperity and wealth.

Others believe he is the Buddha of Happiness, transforming problems into happiness.

7. Ru Yi represents the power of a high government official. Fortune bats make the symbol more auspicious as the creatures represent blessings of prosperity, happiness and longevity.

8. Feng Shui wallet for men, exclusively and specially designed, comes in black and brown. Black symbolizes water, a representation of money flowing in. The gold lining makes the wallet even more auspicious.

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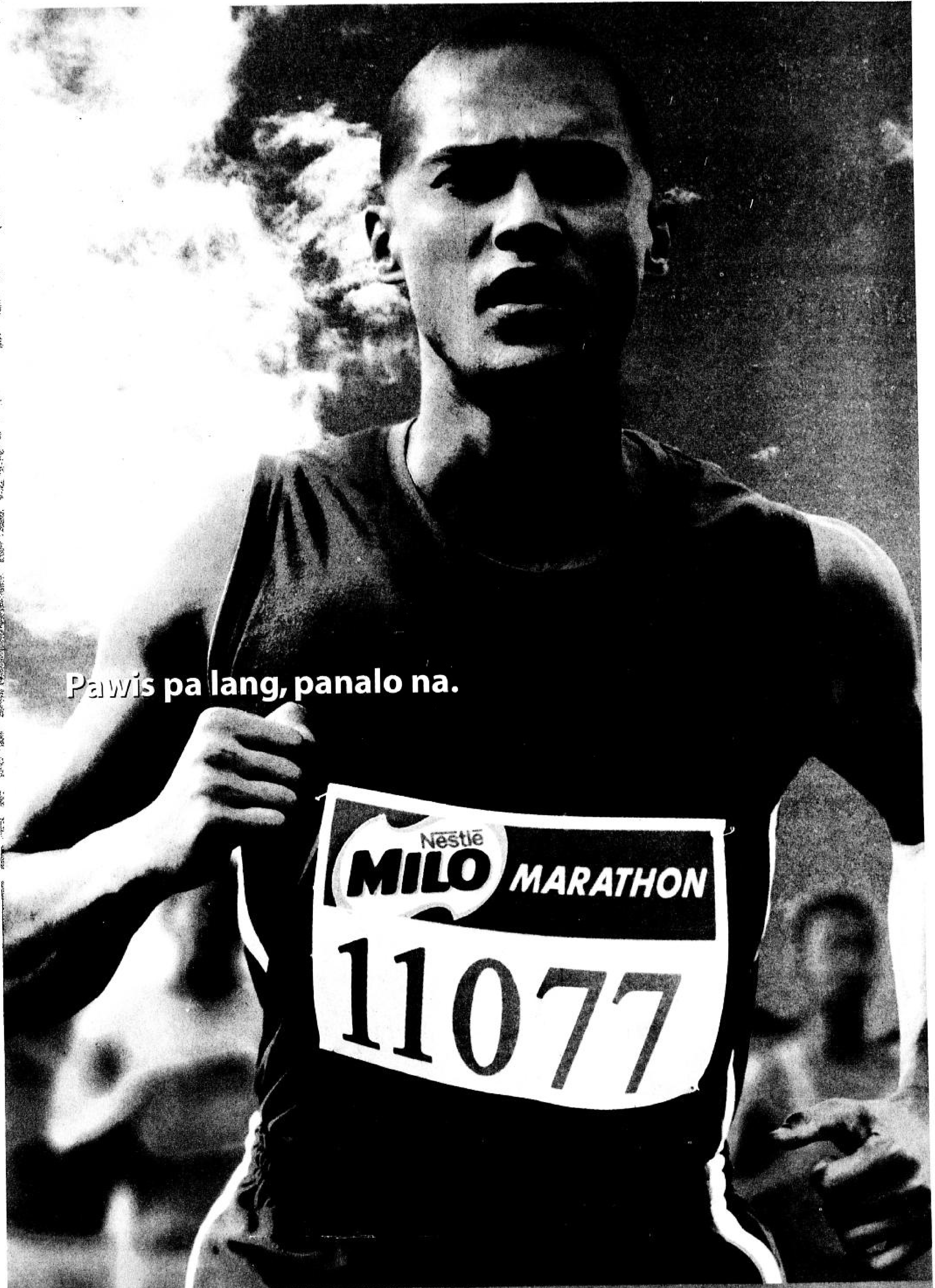

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# Cashing in on Korea

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OF THE TOP 10 countries with the most number of visitors to the Philippines, Korea, Japan and Greater China are the biggest markets. While arrivals from the United States are ranked number one, the figure, however, largely comprises Filipinos now holding foreign passports, Tourism Secretary Joseph Durano said in a travel trade presentation and media conference held at Lotte Hotel in Seoul, South

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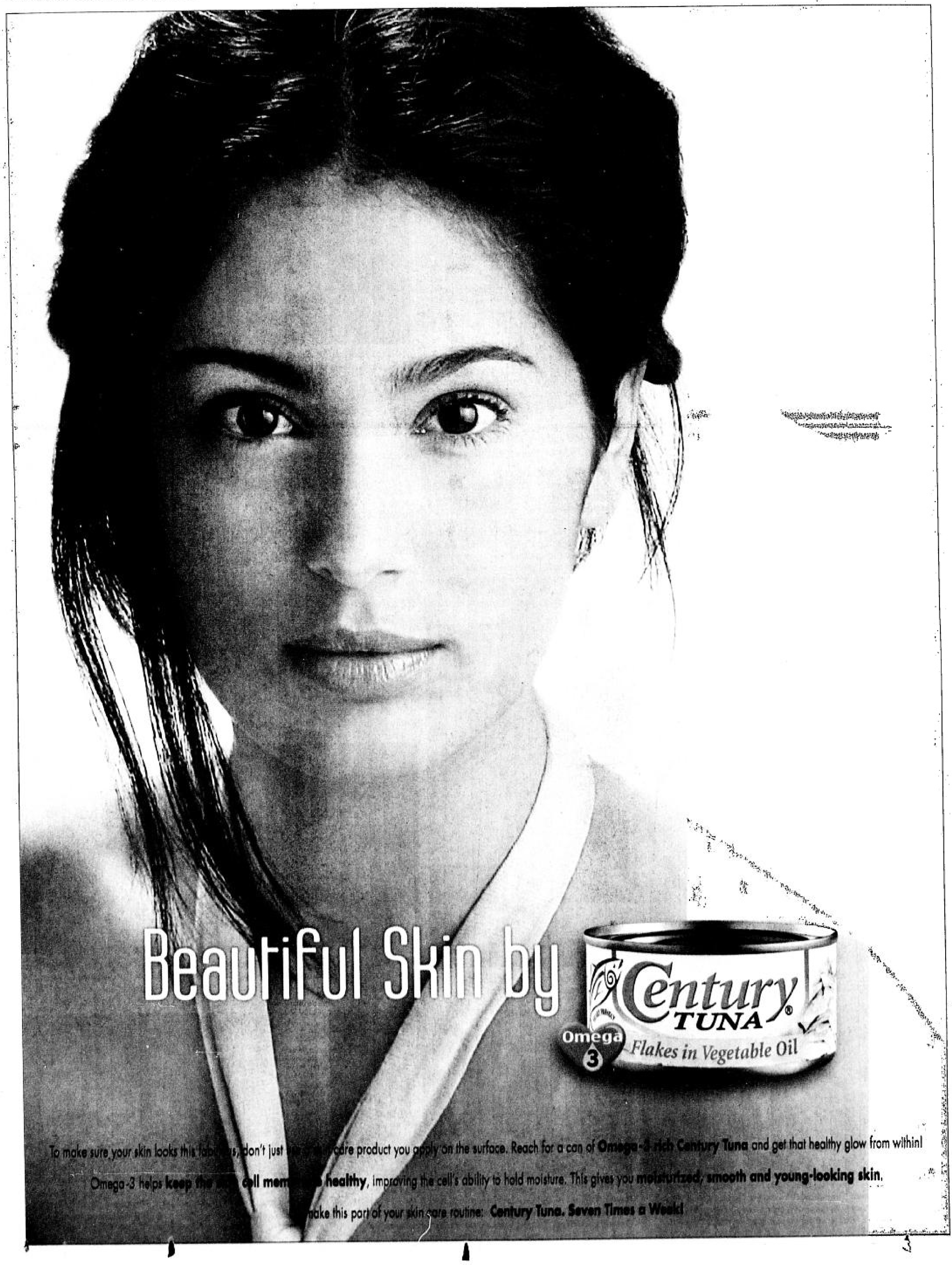
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This Asian country has dislodged Japan as the second biggest source market of tourist arrivals to the Philippines after the US

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Korea.

The activity was part of the recent 18th Korea World Travel Fair (Kotfa), which took place at the Convention and Exhibition Center (COEX) in Seoul. Kotfa is the leading international travel show in Korea. In 2004, it was attended by 352 visitors from all over the world and attracted 86,702 visitors.

A survey of Philippine AD Cards and Shipping Manifests shows our country had 139,744 tourist arrivals from the US in January to March 2005. This is followed by Korea with 113,491 for the same period; Japan, 104,402; Greater China, 81,809; and Australia, 24,732. Compared to last year's tourist arrivals from Korea (95,580), the first three months of this year reflected a growth rate of 18.7 percent.

"Korea is now fast catching up, dislodging Japan as the second biggest source market of tourist arrivals to the Philippines," Durano said. "Since 1996, the growth rate of visitor arrivals to our country has been constantly fluctuating. However, 2004 was a good year for us. We had a total of 2.29 million arrivals with a growth rate of 20.1 percent from 2003. We expect to welcome 5 million tourists in 2010."

He added that tourism receipts reached its highest of $1.76 billion last year, a growth rate of 31.4 percent from 2003. The targeted 5 million visitors in 2010 is expected to generate $4.59 billion in tourism receipts.

## Vigorous campaign

According to Maricon Ebron, head of the Department of Tourism's Team Korea, Kotfa's organizers chose Durano as this year's guest of honor because of his "vigorous tourism campaign in Korea."

A television commercial focusing on the "More Than the Usual Warmth, Feel the Philippines" campaign was aired from March to May on cable channels such as SBS, MBC, KBS, OCN, Super Action and YTN. Print ads also appeared in several publications. A new TV commercial and a number of print ads on various Philippine festivals are currently running until August. A five-minute audio-visual presentation in Korean, which showcases the diversity of Philippine tourist products and services, will also be aired on Korean channels.

CHINYCO Production's cultural troupe performs the "Flores de Mayo" at the COEX Hall in Seoul.

In March and April this year, DOT joined Korea Student Fair and Tour Daegu Expo, where the Philippines won the Best Promotion Award.

Durano's invitational programs resulted in a 30-page feature on the Philippines and its attractions in AB Road Magazine. Sung Lack Productions recently visited our country to do "Meet a Global Village," a documentary on destinations which will be aired in July. At present, Gonzakso Productions is in the Philippines to create the "Best Beaches in the World" documentary.

Recently, J Plus Media Productions also did a location shoot for two episodes of its drama series "Returned Single." This is now airing in Korea and will also be shown in Japan and China in July and August.

"For the rest of the year, Team Korea will continue to participate in trade and consumer events, conduct invitational programs for both trade, media and corporate groups and sustain print and television advertising," Durano said.

## Marketing efforts

To complement DOT's marketing efforts, Durano says the country is ready to receive more Korean tourists.

The Philippines has increased access to and from Korea with 37 flights or about 12,000 seats per week. "And when the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 opens within the year, this will definitely ease the congestion in our existing terminals and facilitate easy access to the country," said Durano.

He added that front line services have been improved by launching the Meet and Assist program last year at Naia, Centennial Terminal and Mactan International Airport. Korean-speaking attendants are now stationed at the arrival areas of these airports to provide assistance to Korean visitors.

To address the safety concerns of tourists, DOT has tied up with the Department of National Defense, Philippine Navy and other government and private agencies. Task Force Stingray secures the country's coastal and island resort destinations, while the Security for Tourists Operation Program aims to enhance disaster coordination and espouses preparedness among tourism stakeholders.

## RP delegation

A 70-member Philippine delegation consisting of tourism stakeholders, cultural performers and marketing officials of participating government agencies and local units joined Durano in his Korea trip.

To accommodate participants, DOT reserved 20 booth spaces totaling 180 sq m at the COEX Atlantic Hall. The Philippine exhibition area was accentuated by visuals of the country's popular tourist destinations. The entertainment component featured Filipino dances by Chinyco Productions, a Flores de Mayo and a fashion show of Nono Palmos' collections using native fabrics and accessories.

San Miguel Corp., on the other hand, provided fruit beverages to visitors of the Philippine booth.

The Philippine travel trade presentation at Lotte Hotel was attended by over 150 Korean travel agents and key officials of top travel associations like the Korea Tourism Association, Korea Association of Travel Agents, Hana Tour, Modu Tour, Freedom Tour, Lotte Tour, Hyundae Dream Tour and Hanwha Tourmall. Fifty media representatives from Chosun Ilbo, Donga Ilbo, Choongang Ilbo, Korea Travel Times, Korea Travel Information Times and Global Travel Times were also present in the event.

Durano was upbeat about the turnout. "I am quite optimistic that our participation in this year's Kotfa will secure for the Philippines a larger share of the 10 million Korean outbound travelers and enable us to achieve our target of half a million Korean tourist arrivals by the end of 2005."

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**MODELS** Raphael Kiefer, Evita Bunyi, Marilyn Maristela, Joanna Maria Peñalosa, Manette Mercado, Sonia Santiago and Margaret Ann Bayot don the creations of Nono Palmos (fifth from left)

**LEO** Picaso, president of Philippine Tour Operators Association and general manager of Lacturan Travel Co., with Renee Marie Reyes, OIC, Office of Tourism Coordination

**STANDING:** Allan Villocino, Mark Anthony Lapatha, Froilan Narvaez (director, Chinyco Production), Richard Eusebio and Annabelle Judith Lopez. Front row: Anna Karenina Quinto, Angie Menorca and Laura Santos

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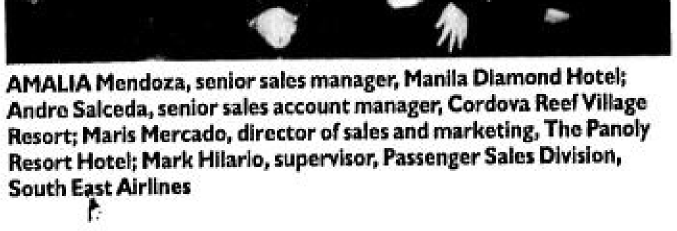

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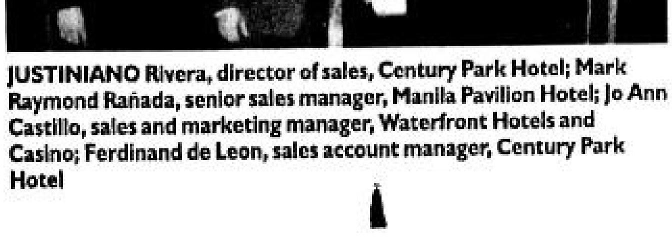

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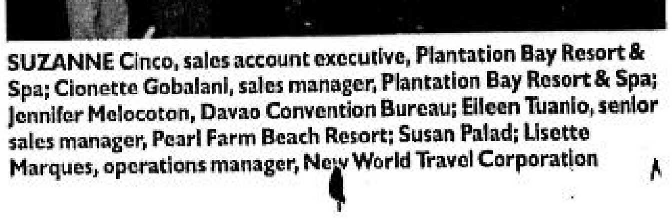

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# Pretty women all in a row

**CEBU CEBU**

*Jaime Picornell*

"I AM convinced Cebu is the land of the most beautiful women," said **Jose Mari Chan** before breaking out into a song, "...walking in the moonlight on a lovely evening like this..."

He was in the Pacific ballroom of the Waterfront Hotel watching 35 lovely women in splendid flowing *ternos* with dazzling tiaras regally seated on thrones on a flower-bedecked stage.

Jose Mari ascended the steps right up to the top where sat Cebu's glamorous Gov. **Gwen Garcia**, beneath a canopy of *sampaguita* blossoms. The occasion was her coronation as Reina Emperatriz of the *santacruzan* sponsored by the Hotel, Resort and Restaurant Association of Cebu (HRRAC) and the Clothes for Life Foundation composed by Cebu's leading couturiers, among others.

Jose Mari sang next to Reina Elena **Carmi Durano**, wife of Tourism Secretary **Ace Durano**, as well as to previous Reinas Emperatrices **Amparito Lhuillier** and **Teresing Mendezona**. He then serenaded each and every girl.

## Gallery of royals

In order of appearance, the women were, with their titles and the designers of their glittering gowns:

CARMI Luzuriaga Durano as Reina Elena, with her son. The gown is by Felix Yu.

CEBU Governor Gwen Garcia, Reina Emperatriz, in a gown by Philip Rodriguez

Zagala de Waterfront—**Heide Blanco (Protacio Empaces)**; Reina Banderada—**Ma. Karla Bautista (Rey Kuan)**; Reina Abogada—**Bing Pabular (Leonardo Igloria)**; Reina Sentenciada—**Trina Evangelista (Minnie Yuvienco)**; Reina Justicia—**Lynn Giangan (Ronald Villavelez)**; Reina Libertad—**Katsy Borromeo (Wendell Quisido)**; Reina Fe—**Johanna Patalinghug (Protacio Empaces)**; Reina Caridad—**Janeen Almendras (Joy Bernaldez)**; Reina Esparanza—**Adrienne Marie Alazas (Dexter Alazas)**; Reina de la Nieve—**Valerie Alvez (Humbert Villegas)**; Reina de los Corazones—**Rose Amores (Ren Banabat)**, with her beau, Marriott Hotel's GM **Karl Hudson**; Reina Paz—**Glency Sue Señeres (Valeriano Tomol III)**; Reina de los Martires—**Ma. Angelica Solomon (Joy Bernaldez)**; Reina Samaritana—**Elvira Stehr (Cary Santiago)**; Divina Pastora—**Zeny Marbas (Sal Malto)**; Reina Mora—**June Estalilla (Leonardo Igloria)**; Reina de Sheba—**Sharlynne Policios (Edwin Ao)**; Maria Martha—**Kasey Kho (Harley Ruedas)**; Maria Magdalena—**Maritess Westihuff (Allain Fonte)**; Maria Salome—**Camille Canoy (Ren Manabat)**; Veronica—**Melanie Ediza (Philip Rodriguez)**; Reina de los Angeles—**Anna Jordana Quisumbing (Marichu Tan)**; Reina del Rosario—**Ma. Jula Leodones (Arcy Gayatin)**; Rosa Mystica—**Joann Castillo (Sal Malto)**; Reina del Mundo—**Glency Lopez (Jun Escario)**; Stella Matutina—**Michelle Ediza (Wendell Quisido)**; Reina del Cielo—**Melanie Ng (Minnie Yuvienco)**; Reina de la Luna—**Carissa Codilla (Jude Elardo)** Reina de las Estrellas—**Melissa Basubas (Protacio Empaces)**; Reina del Sol—**Katrina Pido Ditan (Albert Arriba)**; Reina Esther—**Carmel Durano (Marichu Tan)**; Reina Judith—**Awasis Monague (Cary Santiago)**; Reina de las Flores—**Monica Alvarez (Felix Yu**, who also did the gown for the Reina Elena).

HRRAC president **Marco Protacio**, GM of Waterfront Hotel,. figured prominently in the event. He escorted Reina Emperatriz **Gwen Garcia** throughout the procession, and attended to every detail to make sure the program was a delightful experience for all. Dinner was excellent. The Philippine folk dances presented by the University of San Carlos company featured lavish costumes of a bygone area.

**Marichu Tan**, president of Clothes for Life, looked like her own best model. She was flanked by previous presidents like **Philip Rodriguez** (he did Governor Gwen's gown) and **Albert Arriba**. All the couturiers involved deserve immeasurable praise for the fine craftsmanship and the time that went into the execution of those *ternos*.

## Vignettes

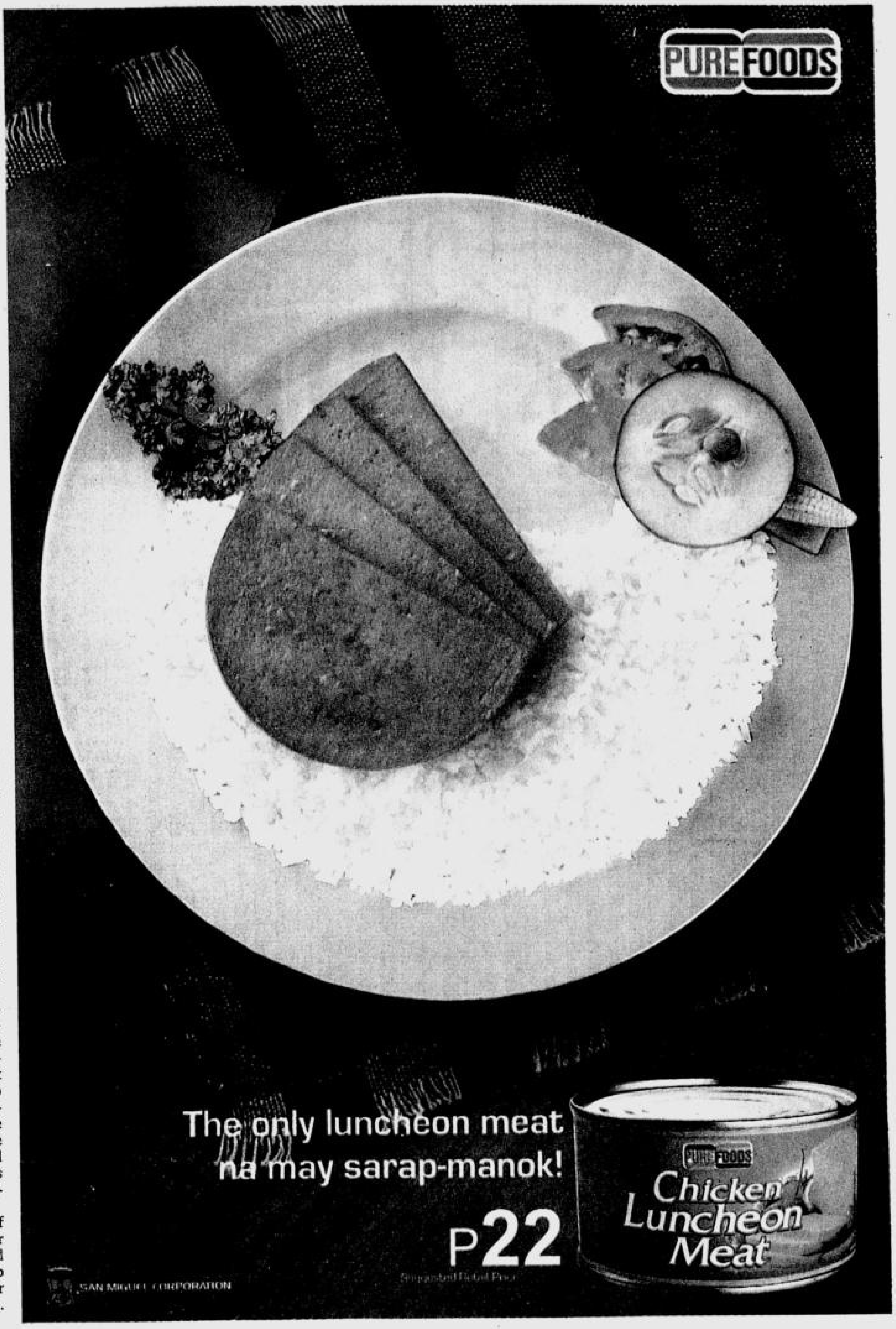
Flowers of the highest quality—lilies, orchids, mums—grow abundantly in the mountain barrios and far-flung municipalities of Cebu. The city has countless flower shops and florists some of whom have formed an association. They did the beautiful arches for the procession. We wish we could mention all 35 of them; you know who you are, and so, kudos!

The statue of Our Lady of Manaog was in the procession, borne on the shoulders of stalwart men in *Barong* Filipino. It had a place of honor on the stage, and little children dressed as angels offered roses.

**Angelita Lhuillier** recalled when she was Reina Emperatiz in the 1982 *santacruzan* at Montebello Villa Hotel. It was the first time the event was staged as a fund-raiser. The Quota Club adopted the concept in 1988, and continues the practice to this day.

Clothes for Life started the event with Cebu Plaza Hotel in 2000 and stopped when the hotel closed down in 2003. HRRAC has now revived the *santacruzan* at the Waterfront Hotel, and expects to make it a tradition.

We don't have to wait a year for another HRRAC splendid event. Marco is thinking of a grand ball in September. Shall we dance?



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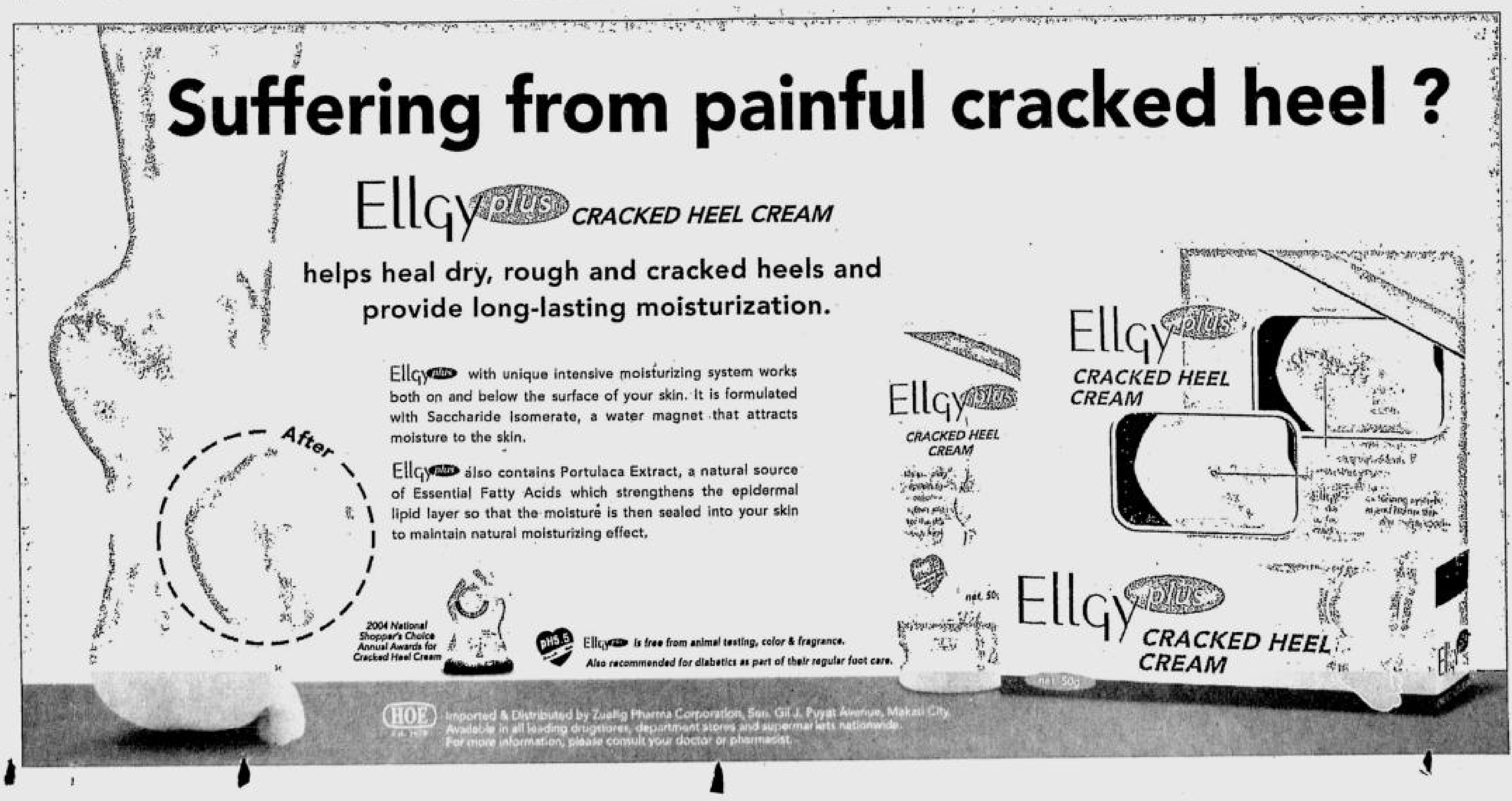

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### Cebu Pacific takes delivery of 2nd Airbus

Cebu Pacific Air (CEB) recently took delivery of its second brand-new A320 aircraft from Airbus Industrie in Toulouse, France. The 179-seater aircraft will be used to service the Manila-Cebu route. The airline is also scheduled to take delivery of a brand-new A319 in September. A319 is the first of 12 CEB has purchased for its complete refleeting program aimed at expanding its domestic and regional operations.

### Asiana Airlines flies to China

Korean national carrier Asiana Airlines recently hosted its top travel agents to a familiarization tour of China. Photo shows Asiana Airlines Passenger sales supervisor Jeannie Magluyan (second from right) with (from left) Uni-Orient VP-administration Eutropio Felicisimo; Getaway Tours president Joel Silvestre; Pan Pacific tour manager Elisa Tan; Pioneer Tours Makati branch manager Hsiu Min Park; BTI Marsman senior account executive Margarita Yambao; Travelsaver representatives Theresa Tan and Thelma Trivino; and Yesson Travel & Tours Inc. president Thomas Kim at the Forbidden City.

### China Airlines launches Taipei-Vienna flight

China Airlines recently inaugurated a new Taipei-Vienna direct passenger's service, with three flights per week, using an Airbus A340-300 jet. This is the first non-stop flight between Taipei and Central Europe. Members of the Dynasty Flyer Program can earn bonus mileage through the end of September. Members can earn 3,000 bonus miles on Economy Class and 5,000 on Dynasty class, traveling one way to or from Vienna. Call 5238021 to 24.

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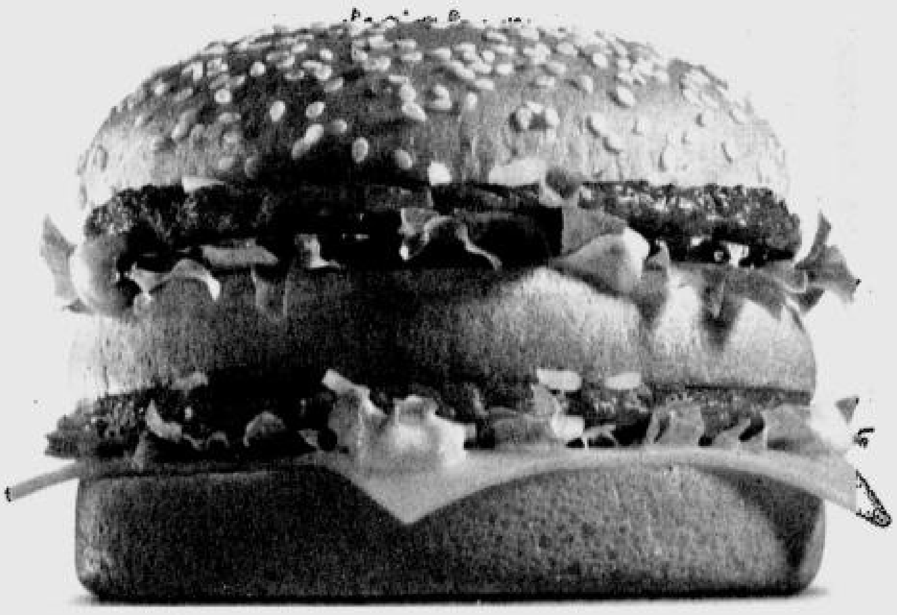

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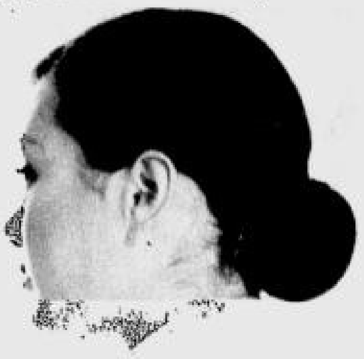
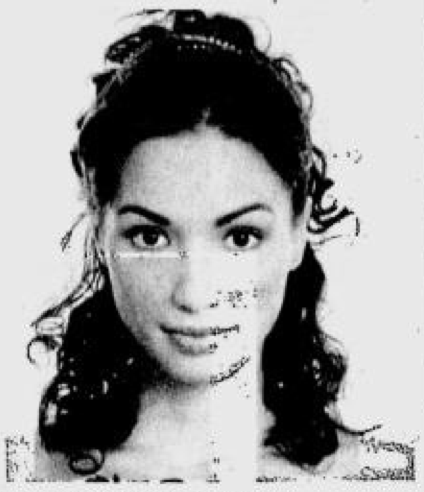


**SUNSET GLAMOUR.** Aliya Parcs is a simply glamorous Filipina in her chignon ponytail.



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Brides should choose stylists they feel comfortable with and who know their hair. If a regular stylist doesn't feel comfortable doing "wedding hair," have him/her recommend a stylist who specializes in it.

In choosing s style, many things should be taken into consideration: the weather, location, etc.

The wedding hairstyle should be both timeless and modern—but not too trendy. It should be something the bride is comfortable with.

The bridesmaids' 'dos should complement the bride's, sharing a common theme.

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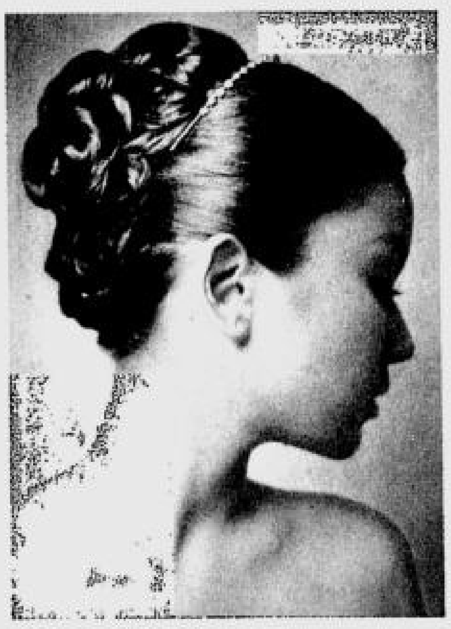
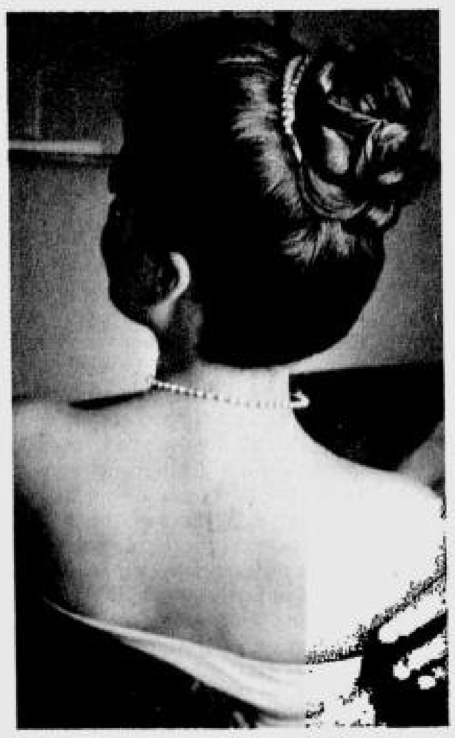


**NOON** Contemporary. The intricate twists and locks of Larah Monterola are suitable for midday weddings.



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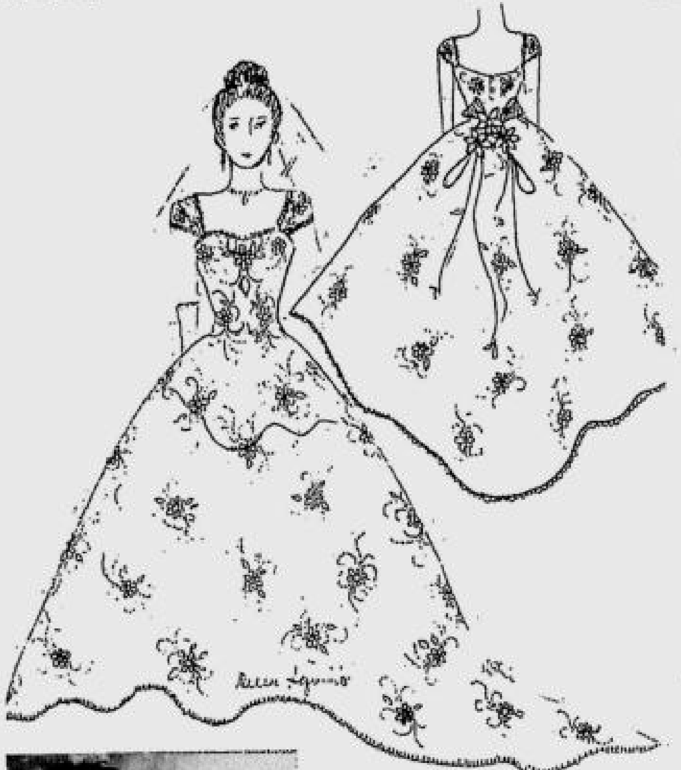
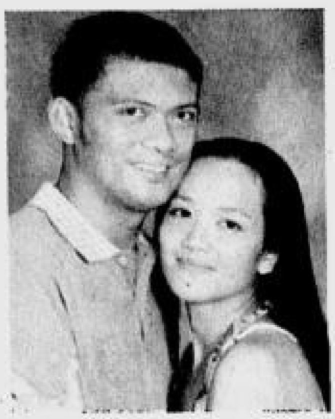


### CASTILLO-CONCORDIA

**Sarah Concordia**, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Antonio Concordia**, married recently **Louie Castillo**, son of Mr. and Ms **Leonardo Castillo**, at the St. Paul the First Hermit Parish Church in San Pablo City. **Dessie C. Aquino's** Le Desiderata Haute Couture created the entourage's outfits.



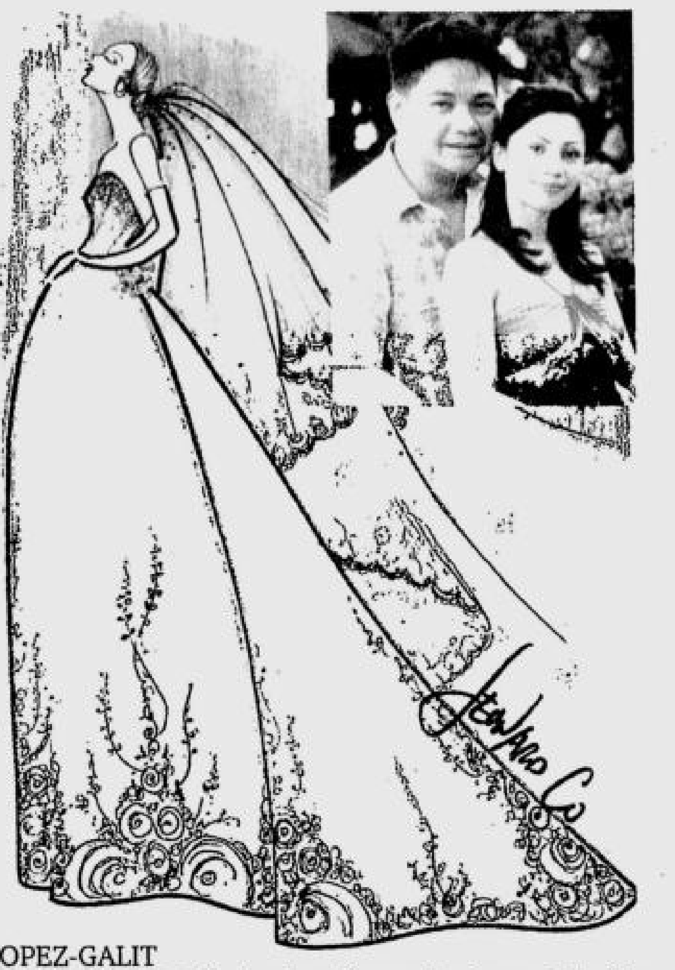
### BATHAN-TOLOSA

**Sherwin Bathan**, son of **Isagani** and **Perla Bathan**, will wed **Joanne Marie G. Tolosa**, daughter of **Marie Elena Gonzaga vda. de Tolosa**, on June 23, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Church, Basak, Mandaue City, Cebu. Reception will follow at the poolside of Plantation Bay Resort, Marigondon, Mactan Island, Cebu City.

The bride will wear a low-back chiffon gown with rich beading of semiprecious gems, designed by **Ernest Santos**. Elegant Event Specialist is the coordinator of the event.

### PEREZ-GONZALES

**Mark T. Perez**, son of **Ma. Carayo T. vda. de Perez**, and **Kristine C. Gonzales**, daughter of **Teresita C. vda. de Gonzales**, will exchange vows tomorrow at San Agustin Church.



### LOPEZ-GALIT

**Marie Sheilla M. Galit**, daughter of lawyer **Napoleon** and **Emelita Galit**, will exchange vows with **Bernard L. Lopez**, son of **Ricardo** and **Josefina Luna-Tiongson**, on June 17 at the Santuario de San Antonio Church. The bride will wear an all-white duchess satin embroidered gown in fine dainty floral design with a three-meter detachable cathedral train fully beaded in Swarovski crystals, designed by **Leonardo Co.**

### SORIAO-MALLETE

**Roden T. Soriao**, son of **Peter** and **Nerie Soriao**, will wed tomorrow at Santuario de San Jose. Reception will follow at the Parish Hall of the Santuario, Greenhills, Mandaluyong City, to be officiated by **Fr. Noel Magtaas**, OSJ. Hair and make-up will be done by **Dennis Pimentel.** Jerd Catering will be the caterer.

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### FLORENTINO GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

**Dodong** and **Mila Florentino** (center) renewed their vows to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at the San Jose Parish Church, Hinundayan, Southern Leyte. They are flanked by the officiating priest, **Rev. Fr. Nestor Astillo**; brother **Loloy**, sister **Monica**, children, in-laws and grandchildren.

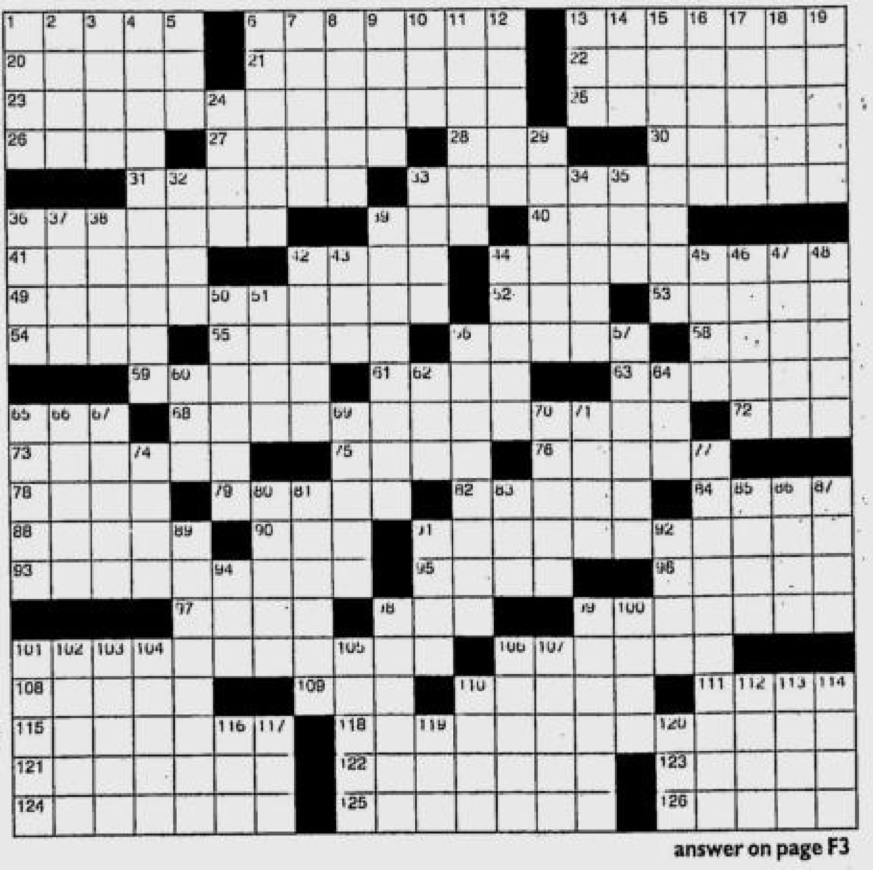
## SUNDAY CROSSWORD

### PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

### POP CULTURE

**ACROSS**
1 "The Story of — H." (1975 film)
6 Big hits
13 Pec builders
20 Carouse
21 Cook up
22 Neighbor of Latvia
23 Dad of Sondra, Denise, Theo, Vanessa, and Rudy
25 Taking off the bottle
26 Sword handle
27 Elite roster
28 Jacuzzi sigh
30 "This I — see!"
31 Biker's bike
33 Dad of Betty, Bud, and Kathy
36 They're fit for kings
39 Atop, to bards
40 "Va-va- —!"
41 — flowing with milk and honey
42 Ice cream holder
44 Dad of Becky, Darlene, and D.J.
49 Dad of Wally and Theodore
52 Map dir.
53 Florida city
54 Aspect
55 Pre-Q queue
56 Crib parts
58 Greek letters
59 Gillis with "many loves"
61 Reverberate
63 Hurry it up
65 Moo — beef
68 Dad of Eddie
72 Longing
73 Straw hat
75 Agitated state
76 Sam of "The Piano"
78 Iranian coin
79 Spruce
82 Sand bar
84 "So that's it"
88 Take — down memory lane
90 — -Magnon man
91 Dad of David, Mary, Joannie, Susan, Nancy, Elizabeth, Tommy, and Nicholas
93 Dad of Brad, Randy, and Mark
95 Senator Feingold
96 Unearthly
97 500 sheets
98 Barfly
99 — Alan Arthur
101 Dad of Elly May
106 Structured framework
108 Teresa of —
109 Army address
110 Pub seat
111 Time of military triumph
115 Pours off, as wine
118 Dad of Terry and Rusty
121 Lures
122 Virtual vender
123 Navel type
124 Eyeball
125 Coolio and Ice-T, e.g.
126 Ham-and- — (bum)

**DOWN**
1 Foot part
2 Sub shop
3 Satanic
4 Like a southpaw
5 Munchkin
6 Long oars
7 Chutzpah
8 Restless
9 "Beat it!"
10 Goblin start?
11 Bakery treat
12 Mirror fogger
13 Church seat
14 Exercise
15 Child star's parent, perhaps
16 Esteem
17 Army outfits
18 Spotted pony
19 "Cosmos" author
24 Fabled also-ran
29 Cuban port
32 "Back in Black" band
33 Scoff
34 Three trios
35 G.P., e.g.
36 Feet with fur
37 Jai —
38 Shortening
39 Minimal money
42 "Cave —" ("Beware of dog")
43 Egg: Prefix
44 Actor Alain
45 Tiny bites
46 Spiteful
47 Author Zola
48 Gotten up
50 J.Crew rival
51 Islamic VIP
56 Excludes
57 Aussie girl
60 Bit of resistance
62 901, to Nero
64 Net address
65 Jack of lean cuisine
66 Land of voodoo
67 Take weapons from
69 Historical furrier
70 Uppity types
71 Floor it
74 Settled
77 Like CPR, often
80 Happy as —
81 Beats the pants off
83 Ship abbr.
85 Ilk
86 Huron's neighbor
87 German river
89 Vernacular
91 Easy run
92 Judge
94 "For" vote
98 Cloud layers
99 Lofty groups?
100 Hades
101 Green gems
102 Occurrence
103 Formal flats
104 23-Across's wife
105 Duck down
106 Fashion
107 Cringe
110 Cut short
112 "Shoo!"
113 Gallic gal pal
114 River to the North Sea
116 Starbucks' offering
117 Former JFK jet
119 A few z's
120 Prevaricate



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# Special June wedding package

THE RICHMONDE Hotel offers the Intimate Affairs Wedding Package that includes a buffet or set meal, a round of iced tea for all guests, dainty floral table centerpieces with candles, flower arrangements plus a floral decor for the buffet table, and a choice of a bridal car, string duet, or makeup for bride and entourage courtesy of Head Zone Salon.

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# Husband and wife do well in wedding photo business

IT IS A COMMON notion that being in the same business with your husband or wife does not seem to be a very good idea because work tension can be brought home by both and even dinner discussions tend to end up in business talk.

Some succeed though in this rather unlikely scenario like couple Richel Mascariñas and wife Tess of Richel Mascariñas Photography and Heritage Home Video Productions, a photo and video supplier in the Philippine wedding industry.

Although both admit that it really has some disadvantages, it also has its rewards because they are always together. Tess assists Richel and his staff during photo and video coverages and also takes charge of the video production side of the business. Richel says, "Our couple-clients easily open to us because they know we are husband and wife and that gives a good working relationship. We become their confidantes too in no time."

When asked about the advantages of their being a team, Tess says, "Well, I know my husband very well that with just one look, I know what he would want done. Work gets easier and much faster because we don't have to verbalize everything while working. Doing coverage can be so tense and I guess with me around, Richel can be more relaxed than tense because my presence relaxes him," Tess relates while Richel laughs. "And if you are going to ask me, I am always at ease with my husband around," she adds.

Richel and Tess got their first taste of the wedding coverage business when they were still in college at the University of Santo Tomas. "We would do it to add to our school allowances," Richel recalls. From offering wedding shoots on weekends, Richel Mascariñas Photography has grown into a fully-equipped production studio. Little did the couple know that this will be their family's main income source. "While it is true that it can be disconcerting teaming up with your spouse, especially in this strenuous kind of work, we always think of the saying 'A problem known is a problem practically solved.'"

Richel Mascariñas Photography and Heritage Home Video Production will join "Power Weddings-The Bridal Event on June 25 and 26 at New Rockwell Tent, right beside Power Plant Mall, Makati. Call 5469477 and 5418397.

# Mary's title as co-redemptrix is explained

WHEN the Blessed Virgin, as Our Lady of All Nations, appeared to Ida Peerdeman in 1945, she said she would be called "co-redemptrix." She showed a vision of Pope, cardinals and bishops at the Vatican declaring her as such.

Some people said the title put Mary in the same rank as Jesus Christ, the Redeemer.

But Tony and Chona Montinola, who head the Confraternity of Our Lady of All Nations in the Philippines, explain what it means.

" ...The title 'co-redemptrix' does not put Mary in the same rank as Jesus... Jesus Christ, as true God and true man, redeems the human family, while Mary... participates... in a completely subordinate and dependent way. The key word here is 'participation'... The title 'co-redemptrix' never puts Mary on a level of equality with our Lord; rather, it refers to Mary's unique and intimate participation with her divine Son in the work of redemption.

"The prefix 'co'... is derived from the Latin word '*cum*', which means 'with,' not 'equal to.' Mary's sufferings are efficacious (in) the redemption of man because they are wholly rooted in the redemptive graces of Christ and are perfectly united to His redeeming will.

" ...Mary, as 'co-redemptrix,' takes absolutely nothing away from her Son's glory. God chooses to give man a share in His attributes and His works. Since God is infinite, His sharing of Himself does not reduce His glory, but rather lets it shine forth more resplendently."

## Memorial abode

In Queen's Row, Bacoor, Cavite are 100,000 Catholics who hope one day to build a church above the crypt on the 1,000-sq-m area donated by the Government Service Insurance System in 1994 when Cesar Sarino was chair.

Right now, they use a Rectory Chapel for Masses and liturgical services conducted by three priests: Fathers Tony Roxas, Manny Colmenar and Teody Andres. To be dedicated to Our Lady Queen of Peace and Good Voyage, the people started building, giving what they could and raising funds, with the parish priest, Fr. Paul de Leon.

The office of Our Lady's Memorial Abode will be blessed at 3 p.m., June 26. Call Veronica at 0917-3237858 or Emily at 0920-9036395. A donation of P20,000-34,000 will cover four vases of ashes or two boxes of bones. Those who wish to donate can text Fr. Teody at 0917-5441108.

I visited the church recently and found that all efforts of Fr. Gene Rafal to acquire, through the GSIS, the land for a church was all worth it. Now there's space for worship and for parish pastoral council meetings headed by husband and wife Rene and Zeny Cruzada. Working with them are volunteers Malet Duque, Delia Garcia, Emily Sua-an, Leonida Caraveo, Maggi Pamplona and Veronica Bambilla, among others.

Fr. Rafal asked the late restoration architect Felix Imperial to design the church. Until the church is built, the rectory and convent, which Imperial also designed, serve as temporary place of worship. The parish fiesta falls on the third Saturday of May.

## New chaplain

Fr. Prudencio "Jun" Solomon, 29, might be too young to be chaplain of the Cardinal Santos hospital, but his wisdom is that of a priest who truly loves the Lord.

When he was assistant parish priest of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Leveriza, Malate, Fr. Jun said Mass at the Harrison Plaza Chapel. We sat and listened to pearls of wisdom that could only have been inspired by the Holy Spirit.

We attended his installation as chaplain by Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales, who also appointed him head of hospital chaplains in the archdiocese of Manila.

## Pilgrimage

Catholic Travel is organizing a pilgrimage to Jordan, Holy Land and Egypt on Sept. 14. There's an option to proceed to Rome, Montecassino, St. Philomena shrine in Mugnano, San Giovanni Rotondo, Montichiari (site of the church of Rosa Mistica), Loreto, Turin, Nice, Lourdes and Paris. Fr. Teofilo Rustia is chaplain. Text Elenita at 0916-3452793 or call Carmina at 5232523.

## Mass wedding

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal in Posadas Village will hold a mass wedding for 13 couples on June 25. The event is part of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Shrine.

**FR. JUN Solomon accepts appointment as chaplain of Cardinal Santos Hospital, while Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales listens.**

**PURELY PERSONAL**

*Josephine Darang*

## House of Mary

Fr. Richie Santos asked me to write about the Home of Mary or Beth Myriam (BM). Beth means "home" and Myriam is "Mary".

God inspired Vassula Ryden, who receives the True Life in God (TLIG) messages found in www.tlig.org, to open BMs to feed the physically and spiritually hungry and uplift the lowly in heart, mind and purse. BM's are found in Bangladesh, Brazil, Kenya, Venezuela, Egypt, Holy Land, Canada, India and Lebanon.

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Families in different barrios have what is called Yakap in Yahweh. Miraculous life-changing experiences are uncountable innumerable. Located at Ubas St., Greefields Heights, Bucal, Dasmariñas, Cavite, Beth Myriam is supported by TLIG International. Since the number of wards is increasing couple-coordinator Bro. Francis and Sis. Beth Melmon are asking for spiritual and financial assistance. They can be reached at bethmyriamdasma@yahoo.com or 0920-3480754.

In Quezon City, Sis. Cora Zaballa can be contacted at tlig-phils@mail.com or 7130211 to 12 at Terraza de Manila, Puray cor. Santol, QC.

BM books are available at the National Bookstore: My Angel Daniel, True Life in God Book 1 and 2. TLIG Books 1-8 are available at the Santol address.

St. Francis Xavier Parish will hold a fundraising concert on June 25, 8 p.m.

**FR. TONY Roxas and Fr. Manny Colmenar (center) with church volunteers Letty Zapanta, Malet Duque, Delia Garcia, Zeny and Rene Cruzada, Emily Sua-an, Leonida Caraveo, Maggi Pamplona and Veronica Bambilla**

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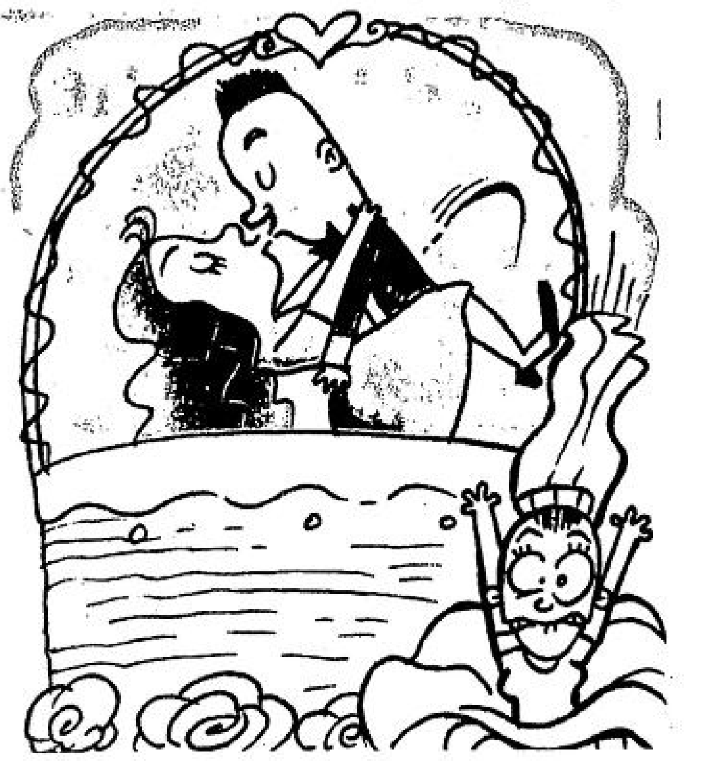

# Not made in heaven after all

**EMILY'S POST**

*Emily A. Marcel*

DEAR Emily,

I've been married for almost 20 years and I thought my marriage was made in heaven—until I discovered recently my husband's infidelity. I learned he had been meeting his former girlfriend.

I confronted my husband and the woman but they denied their affair! My husband promised me that this illicit affair would not be repeated and that he would be faithful to me.

But I am a person who cannot trust again once betrayed. It came to the point that I wanted to have my marriage annulled, except that I was thinking of my children's future. I know that my children will suffer if the marriage breaks up.

The mistress is very manipulative and maneuvers things to make her look good. I am planning to tell her husband, and even her children, of this illicit relationship just to get even.

Do you think it is right to inform her family? How can I regain my trust in my husband? I am deeply hurt by this infidelity.

NAOMI D.

Refrain from acting like a fish wife! Aren't you to the "manner" born? And I don't mean your material wealth.

Extracting your revenge through unsuspecting persons is so yucky and lacks class! Why are you going to drag innocent parties in this misery of yours? What did the poor husband of that woman do to you—and her kids for that matter—that you will subject them to such humiliation?

If there's anybody you have to make war with, it's your SOB of a husband—no one else—not the girlfriend, nobody!

Besides if you were to seriously confront the girlfriend, it would be easier probably to plead to a tse-tse fly not to bite you, than to ask her to stay away from your husband.

Clobber him, gouge his eyes out, hang his balls on the coat hook—do anything—but do this inside the confines of your own locked bedroom!

Don't even let your children and household help hear what you are fighting about! Contain your battles. Stop blaming outside parties for this affair.

Your husband is the problem. If his mind were closed and impenetrable, no amount of seduction would make him vulnerable to the wiles and maneuverings of a manipulative woman and start an affair.

Win back your husband in a positive way—not by threats or tears. Do it by being the best wife you can be—put your house in order, feed your family well and discipline your children and encourage them to excel in school.

Make yourself as appealing as you possibly can.

To make a long story short, refocus your attention on what attracts men to women in the first place. Strong, decisive, attractive. That is if your husband is also strong, decisive and attractive.

And if you say you cannot ever forgive your husband for his indiscretion, I have news for you—you will—eventually. If he keeps his word. Then, time will heal all hurts and wounds. If he won't, well, by making yourself whole again, you can at least thank him for forcing you to become a better you before it's too late.

Your husband can come in and out of your life but you have you to deal with, every waking moment of the day. Keep your sanity and keep your self-respect. That's something he can't take away from you.

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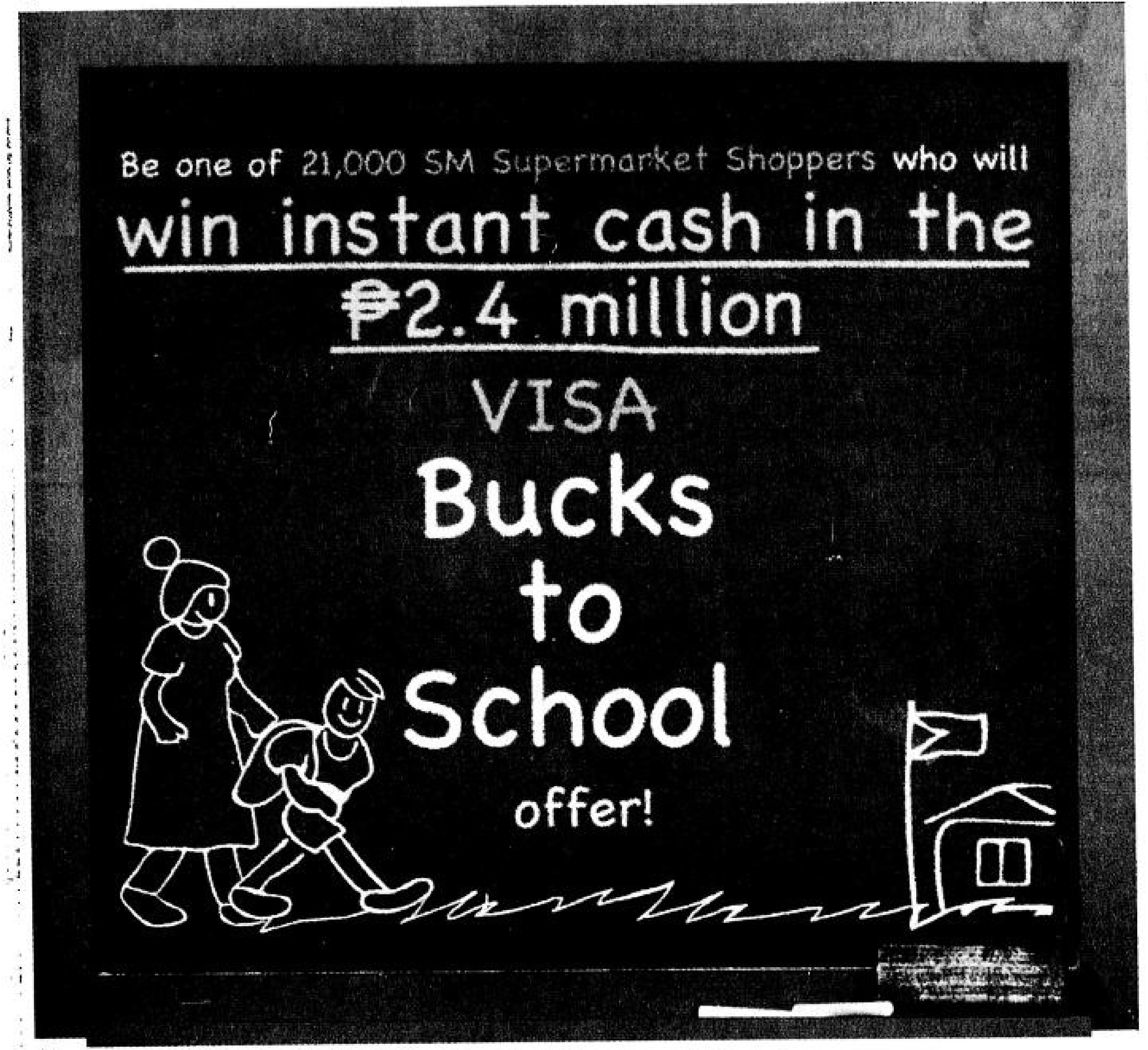

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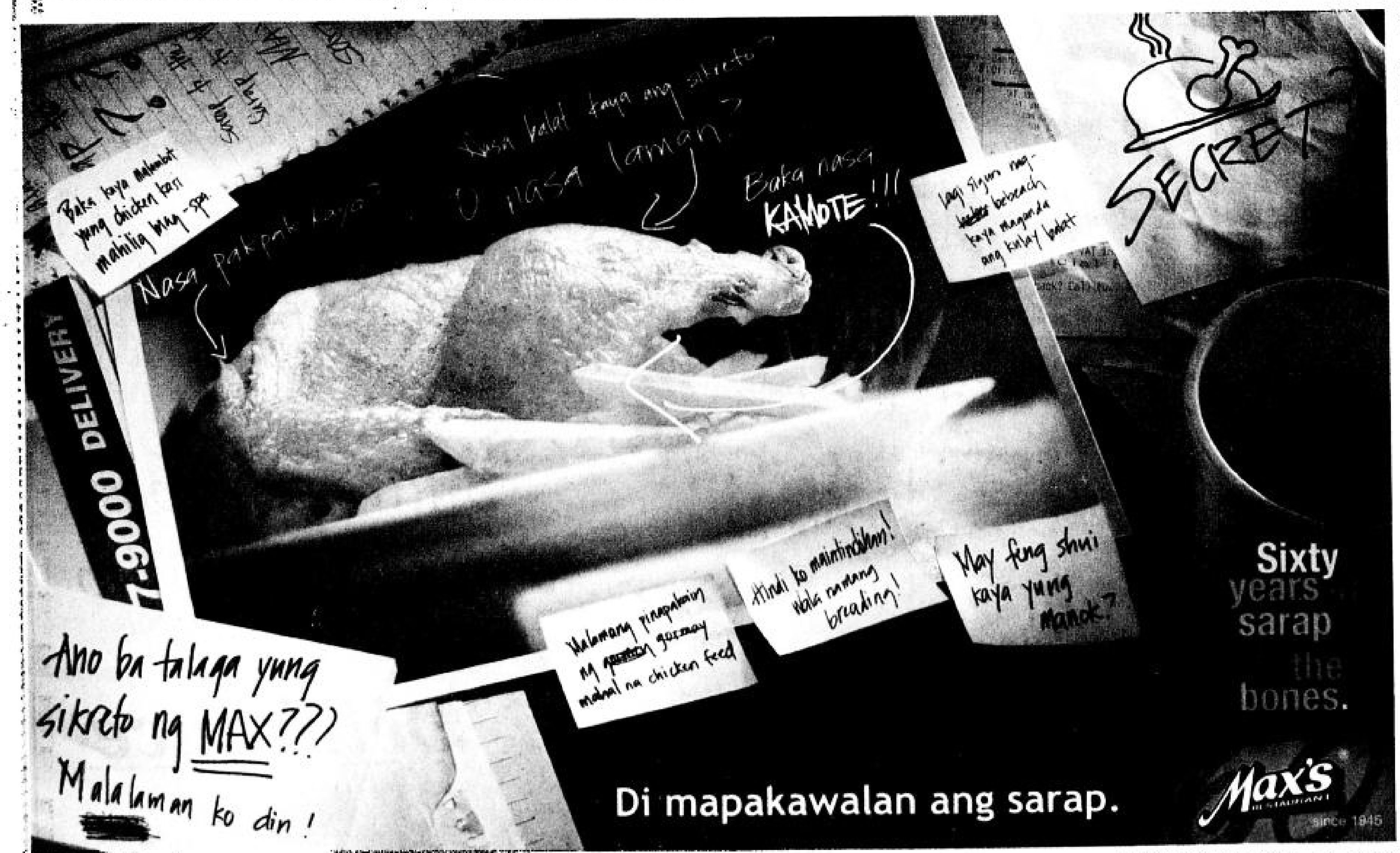
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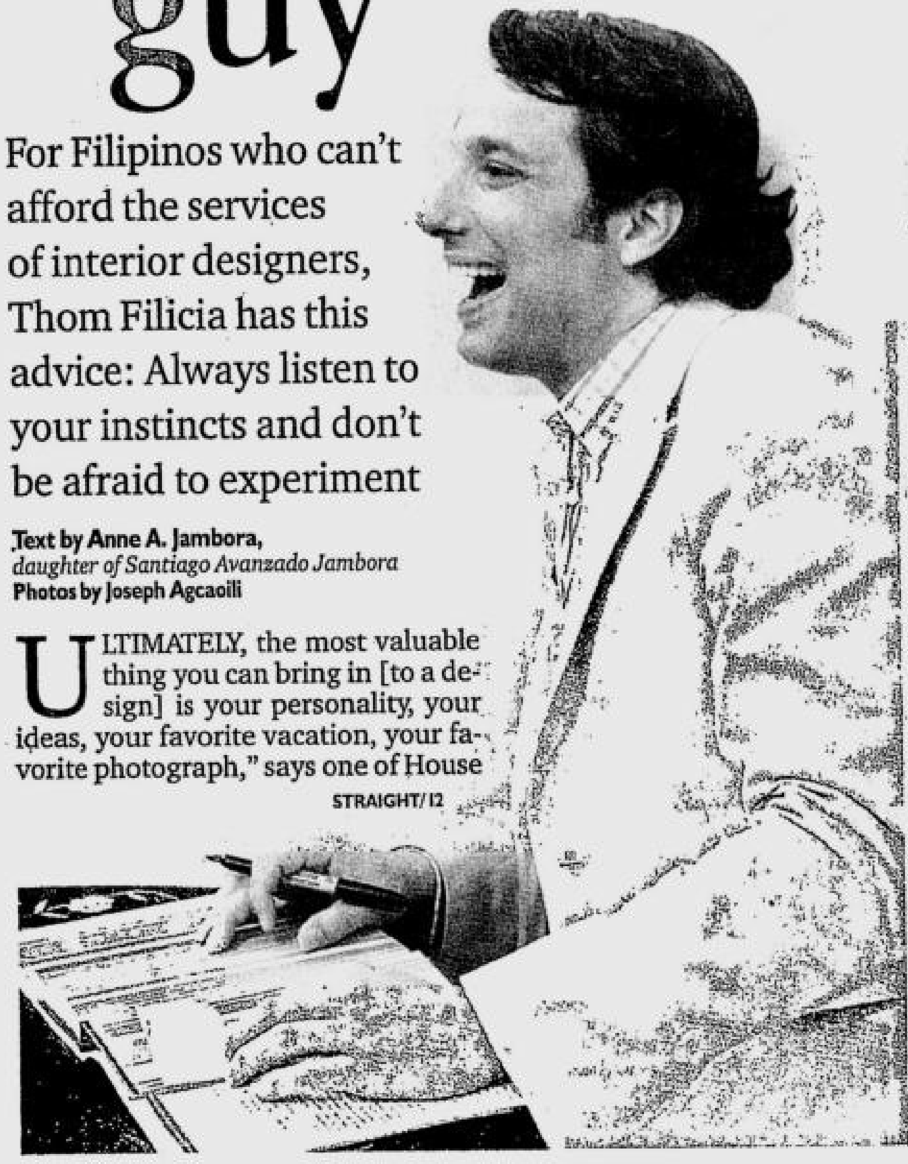
# Straight advice from the 'Queer' guy



## For Filipinos who can't afford the services of interior designers, Thom Filicia has this advice: Always listen to your instincts and don't be afraid to experiment

**Text by Anne A. Jambora,**
*daughter of Santiago Avanzado Jambora*
**Photos by Joseph Agcaoili**

"ULTIMATELY, the most valuable thing you can bring in [to a design] is your personality, your ideas, your favorite vacation, your favorite photograph," says one of House

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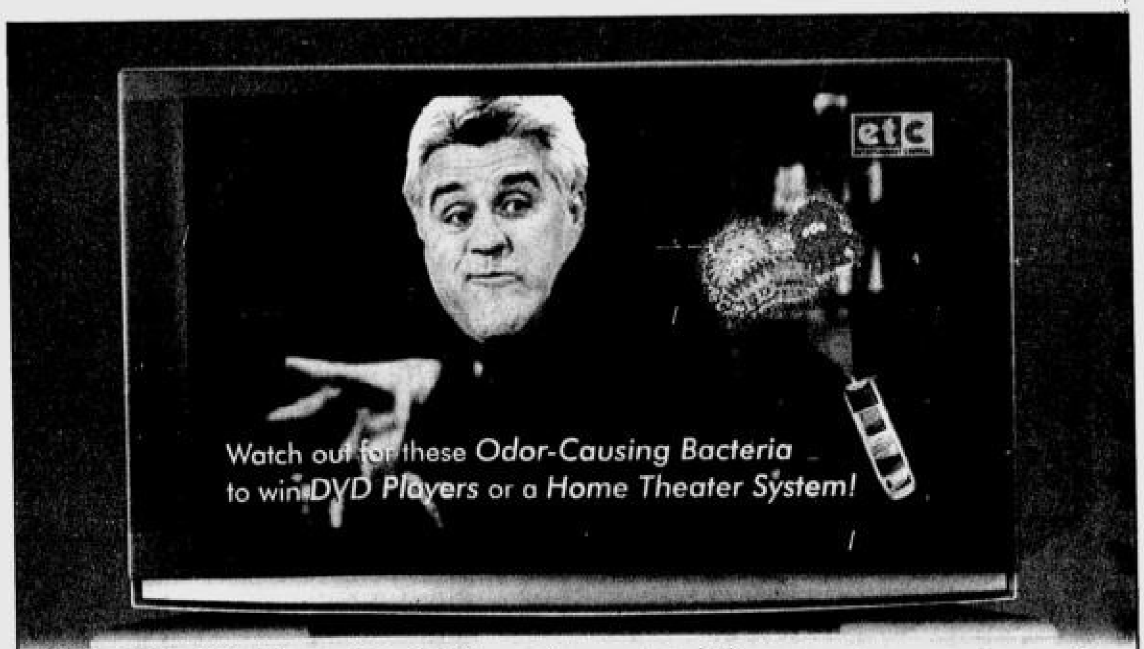
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6. Promo period is from June 2 to July 1, 2005. Cut off for daily entries will be every 8pm. Cut-off for weekly entries will be every 8pm Sunday. Cut off for the grand draw is 8pm of July 5, 2005.
7. A drop box will be located at the ETC Marketing Office at # 16 Jupiter St. corner Antares St. Belair Makati City. The mailed-in entries shall be at the safekeeping of ROLLY ABUYA, Marketing Officer of ETC.
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 a. Daily – ONE (1) daily winner will be drawn every 7pm from June 6 to July 5. Each winner will receive a Bayfresh Gift Pack worth P 500.00.
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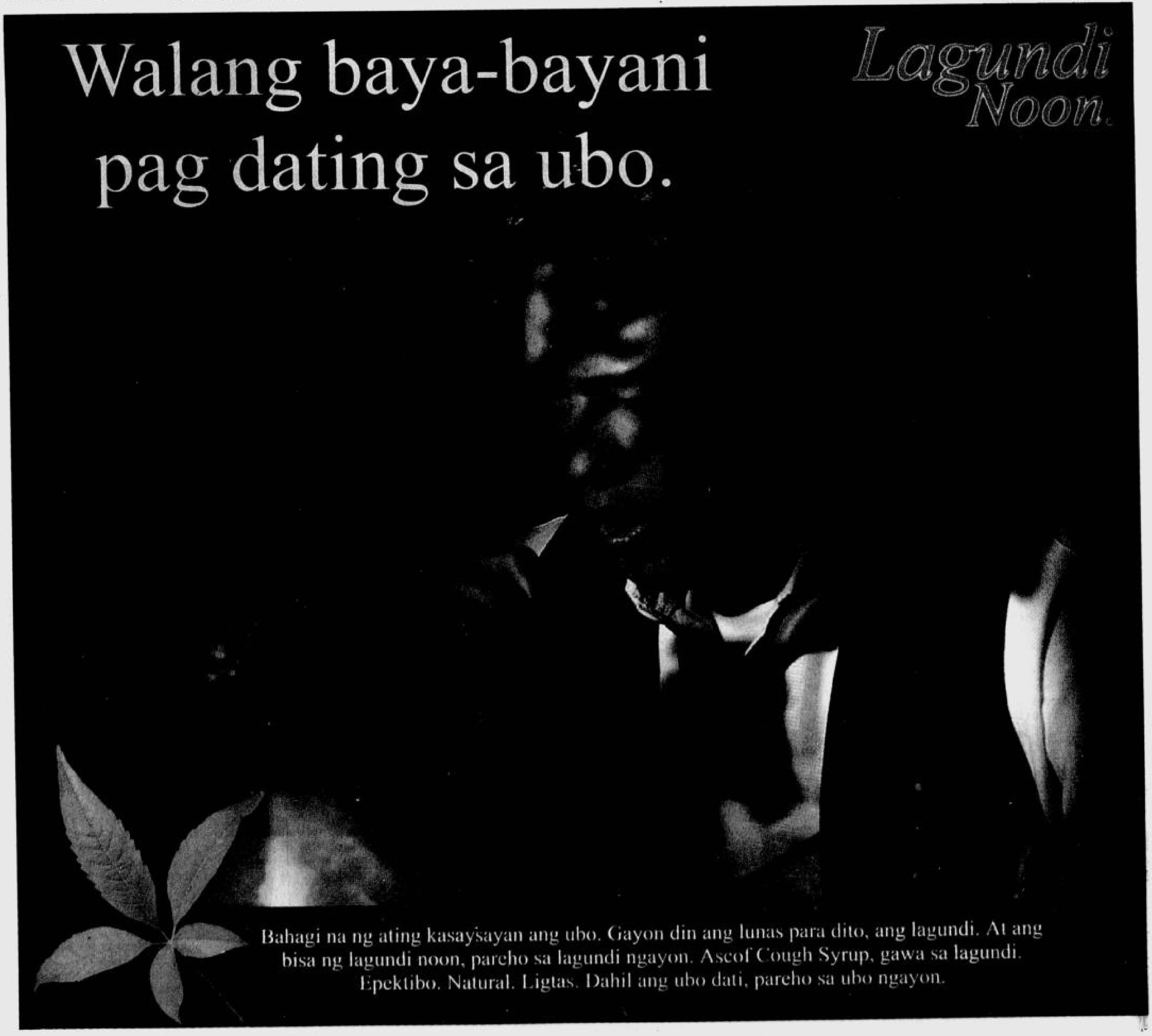
Walang baya-bayani pag dating sa ubo.
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**"FILIPINOS** can live in a really exciting way by engineering the indoor and outdoor relationship to be very intense," Filicia says.

# Straight advice from the 'Queer' guy

From page 11

Beautiful's Top 100 American Designers, interior designer Thom Filicia of the hit reality TV show "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy."

Filicia, who recently visited the country with fellow "Queer Eye" star Kyan Douglas, was bowled over with his first taste—quite literally—of the fabled Filipino hospitality. He claimed to have eaten 17-18 meals in just over 24 hours since his arrival, but wasn't complaining about it.

"I keep saying to Kyan, 'Didn't we just eat? Why do I feel sooo good?' The food is amazing!" he gushed to a screaming crowd of mostly female fans at the Alabang Town Center.

The ecstatic reception could very well be that for a mini variety show. Even the well-traveled and well-received Filicia could hardly contain his excitement, and said he had no idea the show was this popular. "Wow!"

## Cute and smart

Filicia was at the ATC for the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Design Challenge Exhibit at the Homezone area. The exhibit features vignettes made by students of the Philippine School of Interior Design, as well as a photo exhibit of Filicia's latest project for the 2005 World's Fair during the six-month World Expo in Aichi, Japan, which kicked off last March.

A graduate of Syracuse University with a degree in interior design minor in architecture, Filicia is a respected designer who has been running his own interior design company, Thom Filicia Inc., in New York City way before the NBC/Bravo TV series became a phenomenal hit. Apart from projects in his company, Filicia squeezes in interior designing projects for the TV show plus personal appearances and talks in between.

Intelligent, witty and disarmingly cute in person, Filicia talked about "Queer Eye," his company's latest project, the US Pavilion at the World's Fair 2005 in Japan, and tips on decorating and redesigning during his brief Powerpoint presentation at the Activity Center.

A design gets across the message of who you are, he said. For his American take on the US Pavilion, for instance, Filicia designed an exquisite chair with legs and armrests made of antlers that, he jokingly remarked, just "naturally fell off from a deer."

"Actually, I grabbed the deer [by its horn] and said, 'Hey, give me that. I need to make a chair!'"

Filicia confessed, though, that his trained, professional eye for interiors is not without its share of drawbacks. As soon as he enters a room, he instinctively notices where the space begins and ends. And he can't help but be involved at all times. He makes a living out of that, after all.

"Some days you wish you could turn your eye off, but you couldn't. It's a nuisance sometimes, especially when you try to have a conversation with someone. You accidentally glance at the floor and think, 'Hey, what happened to that floor? What the heck is going on here?'"

## Innate style

His visit, however short, made him very familiar with the Filipinos' innate sense of style. Filipinos, he said, must take advantage of the outdoor and indoor living requirements of a tropical weather. However, since space is a luxury in the city, a little imagination to improve one's surroundings is all it takes to transform cramp urban dwellings into cozy homes. And these touches need not be expensive.

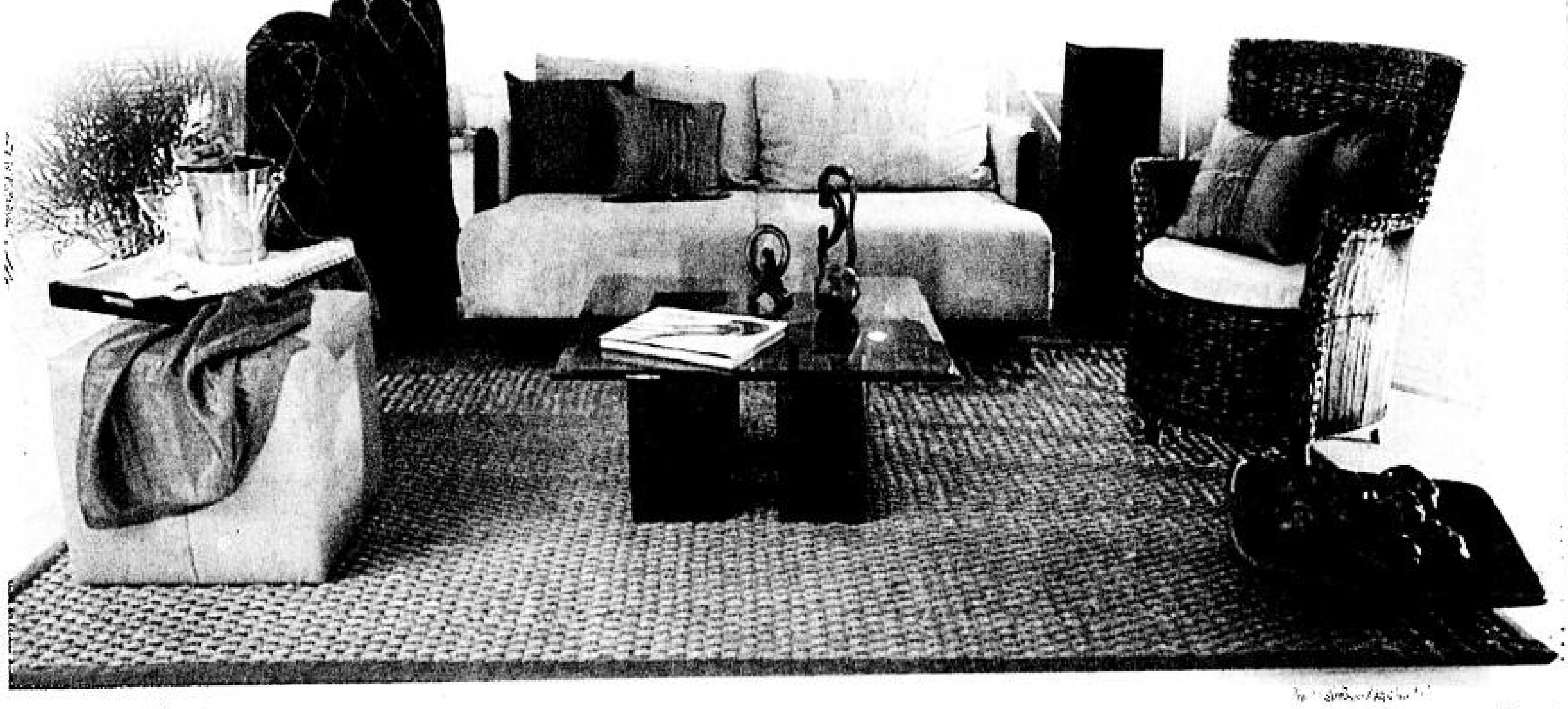
"You can make your space more interesting by painting, especially if you approach paint from a different point of view," he said.

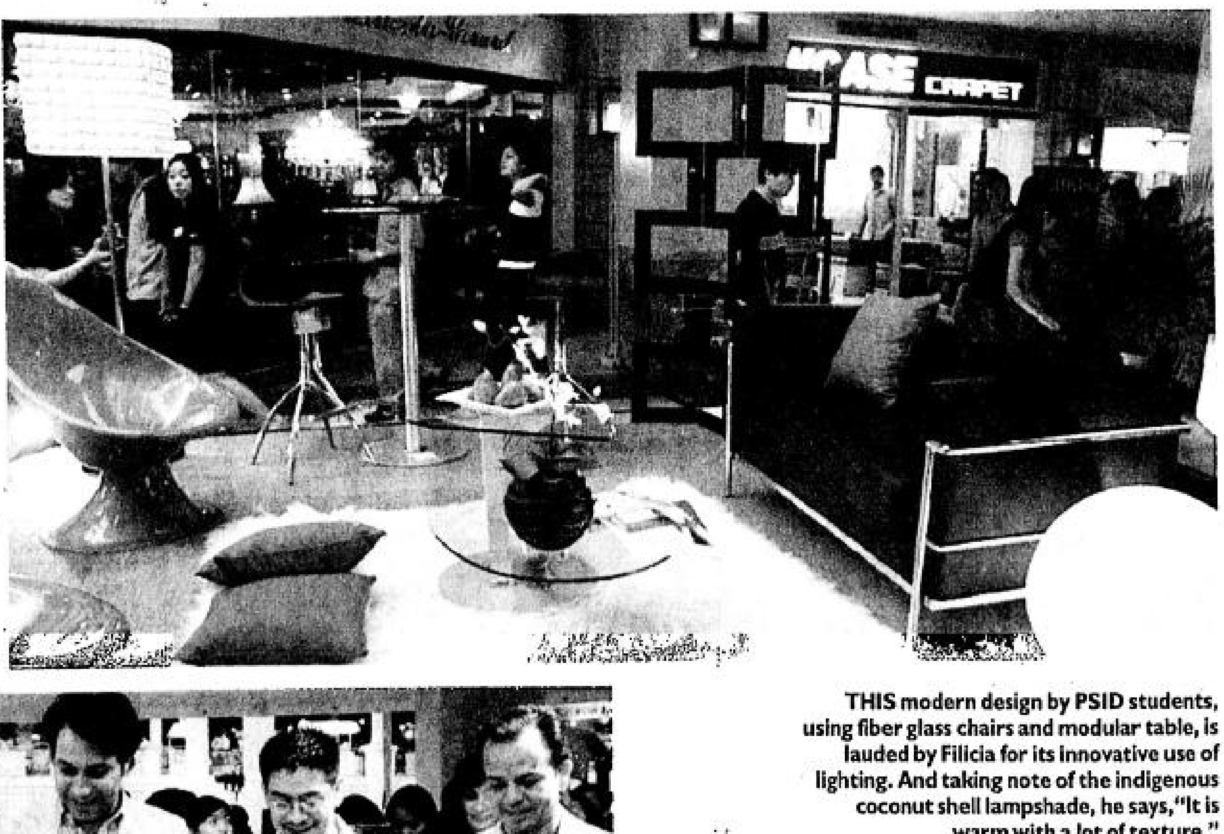
Windowless rooms can have one side of a wall splashed with many colors to break up the dull solid bar. Or a blotch of color can be splattered behind the sofa in a big room. Filicia calls this paint-on architecture—finding color(s) in a room without painting the entire room.

"This is a really inexpensive way to change your environment without changing your furniture or doing a major investment. If you don't like it a day or two years later, it's very easy to change," he said.

A window treatment, done right, can be effective as well. Simply putting curtain on a wall can give it the look of a window. To make it appear more compelling and interesting,

**CONTEMPORARY.** Filicia says Asian designs are honest, beautiful and serene. "There's a very Filipino aesthetic to this, very traditional, with lots of wood, but still it's modern. The two littles sculptures on the table are great."





**THIS** modern design by **PSID** students, using fiber glass chairs and modular table, is lauded by Filicia for its innovative use of lighting. And taking note of the indigenous coconut shell lampshade, he says, "It is warm with a lot of texture."

**FILICIA** officially opens the Design Challenge Exhibit executed by students of the Philippine School of Interior Design and a photo exhibit of his company's latest project for the 2005 World's Fair, ongoing at Aichi, Japan. Both can be viewed at the Homezone Area of the Alabang Town Center.

**WITH TV** host Daphne Oseña-Paez. "'Queer Eye' has become a part of our culture as a people..."

play around with lighting. "I always say the epidemic in this world is bad lighting," quips Filicia.

### Right design

Filicia believes that it is the responsibility of the designer to understand how people are living and communicating, to understand their clients on a personal level and translate that personality into the right design. If the family spends so much time in the kitchen, then that home area is important to their lives. If they can't stop talking about their kids, then that's what's important to them.

"I don't want to do interiors that look like my apartment. I want interiors that would represent him and his family. [Ultimately the trend] I follow is what I get from my client's personality," he explained.

For Filipinos who can't afford the services of interior designers, Filicia had this advice: Always listen to your instincts and don't be afraid to experiment. More importantly, avoid the common mistake of habitually putting off plans for renovation.

"[Designing] is really about making that first step, and that's the hardest part. It can be hard or not, but take that risk on that favorite color [and see what happens]. I think it's all about sensibility," he said.

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## *Straight talk with Thom Filicia*

By Tim Yap

### On his worst makeover experience

All the things I've done I've truly enjoyed.

### What his flat looks like

My apartment in New York is still under construction. It has charcoal-gray wooden floors. It has very large glass windows with a really great view of the Hudson River—it's in Soho. It's modern meets industrial meets traditional environment.

### If he had a vacation house in the Philippines, how would it look?

It would definitely be a beach house, very informal. I wouldn't want it to have an ostentatious structure. I'd like it to be indoor-outdoor space. I'd put in traditional Philippine architecture but I'd want it to be clean and cool at the same time—something that has to do with entertaining. I love entertaining, I love to have people around, I like to have fun. I'll put in simple furnishings that speak a lot about the environment, things that are made out of indigenous materials, and then I'll mix them in with more machine-made things that feel kind of sleek and modern—a different kind of edge. And also great artwork.

### His design philosophy

I am an equal-opportunity person when it comes to design. I learn from so many different periods and different designers. I love watching what people do and trying to understand what made them do it. I maintain an open-door policy in design.

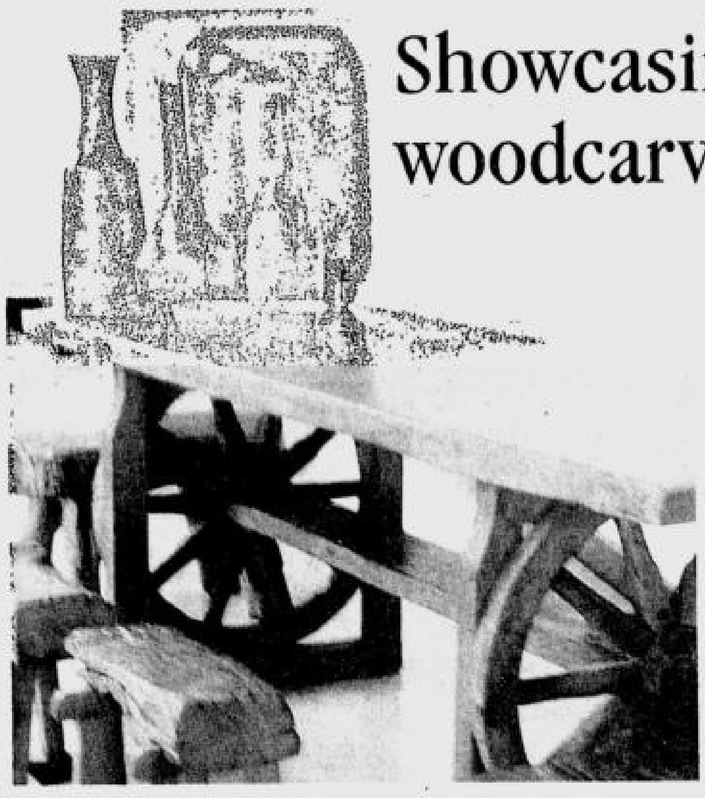
### On being role models

In one way, it feels like a big responsibility. You know, we're just five regular guys, just doing what we do, so this idea that we are gay role models feels awkward. But the gay community has been very supportive of us and we're very thankful about that.

**MOLAVE** wood counter bar with intricate carved designs and antique finish

**ACACIA** wood-carved double *bulol* stool

## Showcasing Pinoy woodcarving tradition



**ETHNIC** dining table

SM MAKATI'S Kultura Filipino section showcases Filipino woodcarving, a craft that Filipino artisans have practiced since pre-Hispanic times.

Among the masters of the skill, handed down from generation to generation, are those in Northern Philippines, who have long been known for their unique wood work, largely influenced by their tribal roots.

Filipino woodcarvers craft key pieces of furniture from acacia, *molave* and *narra*.

Among those featured at Kultura are dining sets that follow the wood's natural shape, carved stools that combine ethnic with standard design elements, modern pieces with antique finish.

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# Making reforestation work with social forestry

**SEEING GREEN**

*Doris Gaskell Nuyda*

FOR YEARS now, this country has been dealing with illegal loggers with little success. Violators may be apprehended and sent to jail, the top cats slapped with puny fines, but once the case is closed, illegal activities begin again. And often, law enforcers and forest rangers get the tragic end of the bargain—they get shot and killed, which is why the problems of project developers in mountain areas go on.

Coordinators of such projects once tried to convince upland farmers that the slash-and-burn or wide-scale, tree-cutting methods were not the answers to their survival problems because burning and cutting trees to clear areas for planting were only good for the short term.

While those were valid matters to point out, upland farmers took such reasoning suspiciously as counter-insurgency ploys or a means of grabbing land from them. This was the problem that faced the Philippine National Oil Company-Environment Development Corp. (PNOC-EDC) for some time until it came out in 1985 with a program it calls "social forestry."

The program veers away from the old arrest-and-penalize forest preservation system. Instead, farmers and their communities are made partners in the care of the forest through training for new livelihood from products of the forest other than wood.

Social forestry, say project coordinators, may not be a new concept but as adopted by the PNOC, offers innovations suitable for the particular conditions in the mountains and has become the centerpiece strategy of the company's watershed management program, of which forest products, reforestation, forest resources management are but some components.

## Social awareness

To make the program work, coordinators needed some psychology and a measure of social awareness. How to implement it was at first problematic as there were no models on which to base activities.

But it became apparent that the starting point was that it was a geothermal company with five sites in the country, most if not all, located on mountains. All the plants depended on water for their operations, which is why it had to be conserved. This could be done as long as trees were not cut.

As coordinators explained it, trees "intercept" rainwater which would otherwise be lost as "runoffs" to surfaces. Once intercepted, this water is stored in underground reservoirs so they can replenish the aquifer system. So, in effect, social forestry is a system that assures that trees are left alone.

To reinforce this principle, PNOC-EDC now promotes such methods as crop-planting under shade-tolerant conditions, that is, choosing crops that survive well in partial sunlight, like coffee beans.

It has also introduced basic technology like A-frames to mark plantings on mountain sides. In this respect, PNOC-EDC coordinators are more than just social workers in that they have a full grasp of the needs of the people who inhabit the geothermal reservation areas in the uplands. Interacting with them and becoming, in effect, "part of the family," leads to a more trusting relationship and fosters a willingness among community folk to follow new ideas, new methods.

## Upland empowerment

It has also become apparent to PNOC-EDC that the solution to forest denudation lies not merely on technology transfer or proper funding, but also on making the upland communities willing to organize and empower themselves to improve their lives.

So instead of being arrested or driven away to prevent them from becoming illegal occupants of forest lands, people in the community are taught how to organize themselves into farmers' associations and cooperatives through workshops and seminars.

When they do so, they are only a step away from becoming comanagers of geothermal reservation areas, or reforestation contractors, better farmers and even entrepreneurs. They learn additional skills as cut-flower propagation, simple accounting and bookkeeping, writing the constitutions and bylaws for their organizations which widen their horizons and lead them to contacts outside their mountain homes.

PNOC-EDC also has short-term projects for the community, like the summer camp conducted for the children of farmers and residents (most of them company scholars) of the host communities.

In general, however, its social forestry program has addressed the problem of deforestation with beneficial effects for everyone, while providing the day to day needs of community folk.

Today, the company can proudly say that "the social and institutional elements (of social forestry) are applicable even for non-upland communities and provides lessons for present and future practitioners, government policy-makers, NGOs and corporate planners and all those who must face environmental problems of their own.

There is still much to be done, to be sure. It is not yet an all-out success story, but the result of this energy resource company's immersion in the social realities of its operations may make social forestry the answer to deforestation, and hopefully, illegal logging.

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# Floral arrangement seminar on July 12

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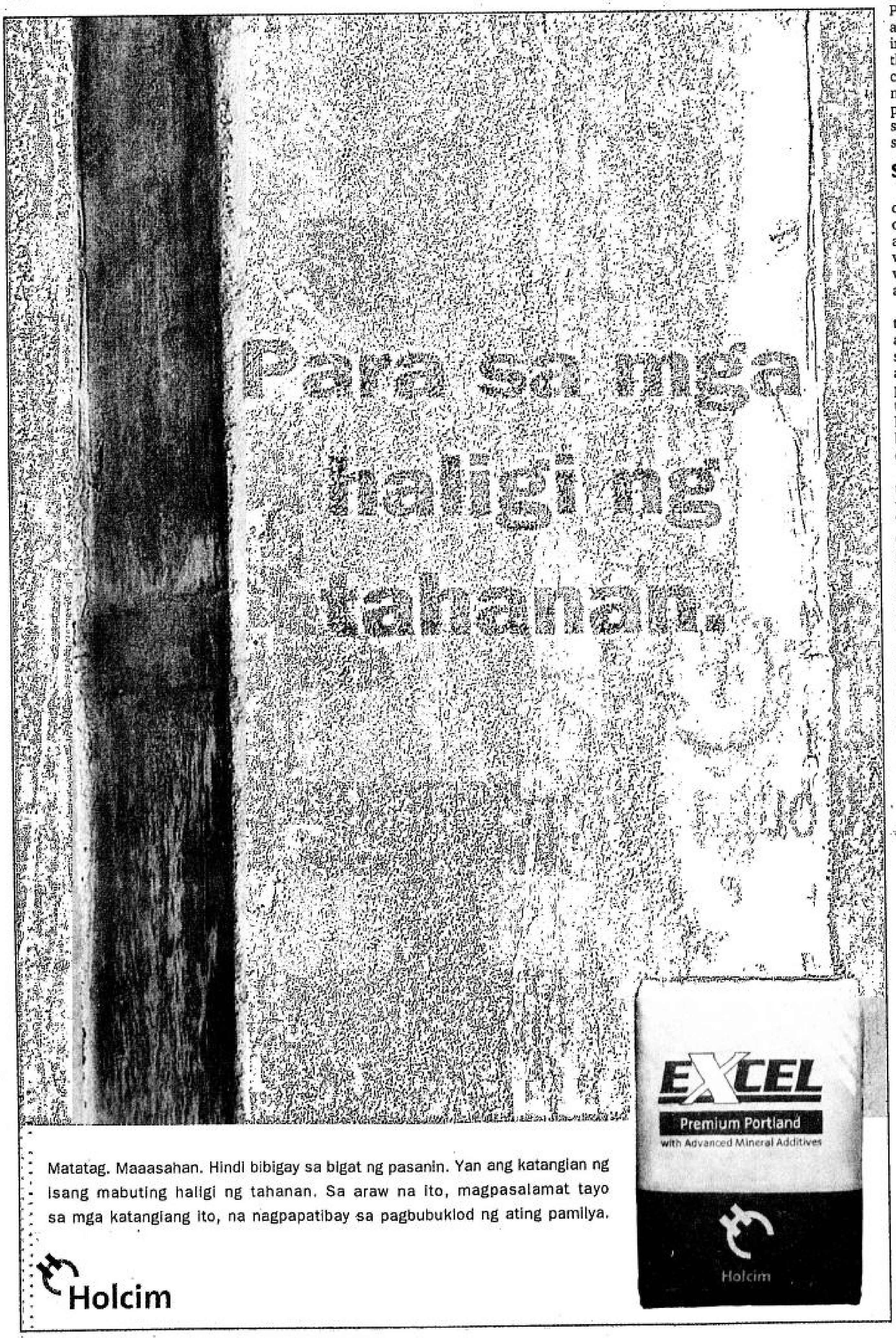
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*Anton San Diego*

WHO'S the Boss? Walking through Greenbelt 4 mall, I was pleasantly shocked to see the spanking new Hugo Boss store. For some time now I was privy to the fact that the distribution rights had been transferred to SSI. I had learned this from **Anton Huang** last year in Shanghai for a Hugo Boss fashion show. In the show were all the franchise owners such as **Adrienne Ma** (Hong Kong) and **Farah Khan** (Malaysia).

Store Specialists Inc. has plans of launching the brand in a major way toward the latter part of the year, with international models and Hugo Boss executives coming to Manila.

To SSI and of course to **Nedy Tantoco** and Anton Huang, congratulations. Hugo Boss is at Greenbelt 4 (tel. 7576295).

## Aniston vs Jolie

There's a war brewing out there and, no, it's not an invasion of aliens or terrorists, but of hip LA store, Kitson.

After **Brad Pitt**'s much ballyhooed separation from girl-next-door, **Jennifer Aniston**, and his still-to-be-confirmed romance with "Mr and Mrs Smith" co-star, the luscious **Angelina Jolie**, the world of women has been separated into two. Who do you choose—the nice or the naughty?

Selling like hotcakes are the tees, Team Aniston and Team Jolie.

According to the manufacturers of the tees, Aniston is winning. People guess that there' a sympathy vote in play. Many people look to her as the nice girl who was dumped by the handsome jock for the prom queen. There's even a parallelism to comic characters, Archie, Betty and Veronica.

The tees are sold online (www.shopkitson.com). Aniston' shirt comes in green and white , while Jolie comes in red and black, both have the number 1 emblazoned at the back.

While you are at it, check out the July 2005 cover of W magazine with Brad and Angelina in a 60-page spread of photographs by sought-after lensman **Steven Klein**.

## A 'Queer Eye' weekend

**Thom Filicia** and **Kyan Douglas** of the "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" fame came, saw and made believers out of a lot of people. Ayala Center brought in the Fab 2 for a series of talks at the Alabang Town Center and Greenbelt Mall, which culminated in a fashion show at the Ayala Museum with SSI co-sponsoring the nights event.

I was privileged to spend time with them as well as their managers who told me how surprised they were at the response of the public here. It was their first time to have an event like this outside of the US and they said they would like to come back. Kyan was even asked by a major label here to be its endorser. There are now plans for the Fab 5 of the show to come back in October.

I was asked to host the Greenbelt event. Women and men screamed for Kyan. It was a great experience.

"Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" is shown on ETC every Monday at 9 p.m.

## Ringtone and men's fashion

The hottest ringtone these days is the purported wire-tapped conversation between President Macapagal-Arroyo and Comelec Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano. But play it at your own risk. The National Telecommunication Commission said the playing of the tape is illegal.

Check out men's fashion labels such as D Squared in Rustan's as well as Seven Jeans in Mix Greenbelt. Moreover, Homme et Femme is having its annual sale.

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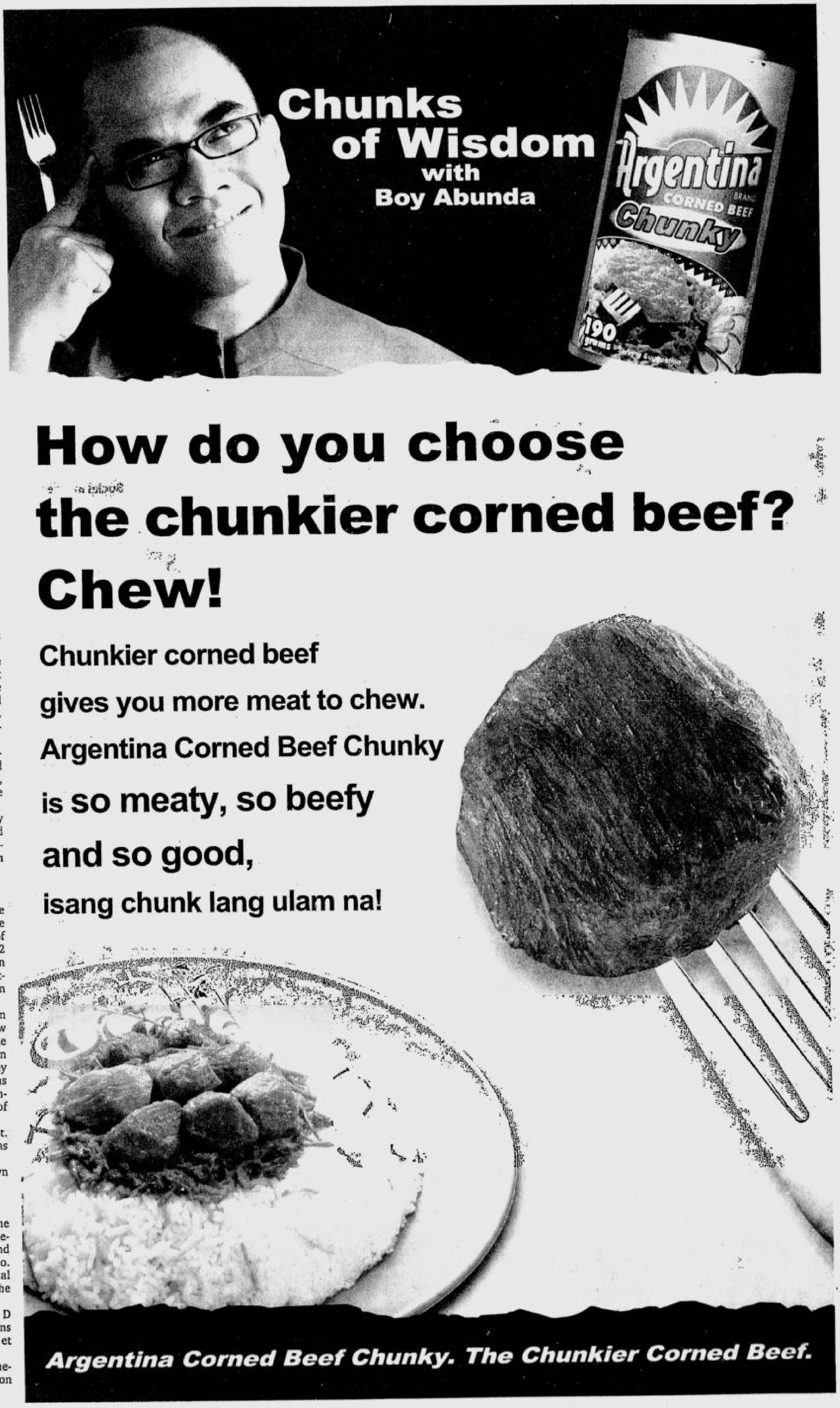
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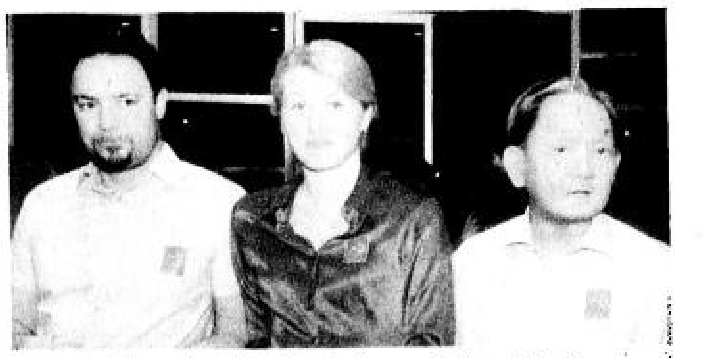
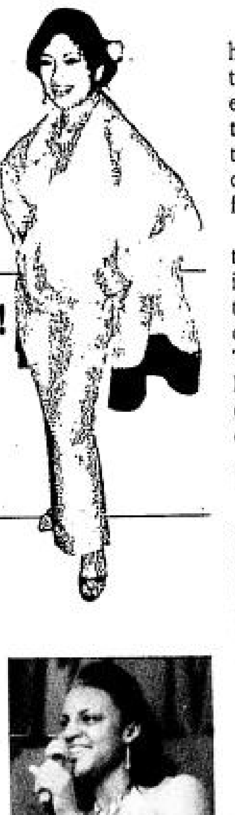

**MR.** and Ms Bertoli of the Italian Embassy with Antonio Rufino

# Post-partum catch-up

**TESSA!**

*Tessa Prieto-Valdes*



MULTITASKING is the key to surviving the first months of motherhood. I have learned to organize my baby album, watch reruns of "American Idol" and answer my text messages—all of this while breastfeeding baby Athena.

Though the bonding is undeniably great, it does give me a rather chimpanzee-like feeling sometimes, especially when I surf past National Geographic channel and their occasional documentaries. Worse still is that breastfeeding sessions do consume half a day, if you collectively count the hours together.

My intellectual husband, **Dennis**, has gotten me into reading to add to the multitasking list. He regularly orders titles from Amazon.com, but for me, books are just too text-heavy and not my cup of tea. After all, I am the artist in the family so the left side of my brain does not function as logically as his accounting-trained gray matter. I sure hope my children take after him so they will have a better chance in the corporate world. Another fully accessorized, funky wigged and flamboyantly dressed character may be too much for this family to handle.

The book he got me was "Belly Laughs" by **Jenny McCarthy**. It is a hilarious insight on the wonderful realities of mommyhood and how she radically deals with them. I could almost relate to every chapter except the part where she refused to breastfeed her baby because she felt her silicone implants might somehow create toxic milk. That sounds like a rationalization just to avoid nursing.

The book has zero medical advice but really gives me a good laugh at three in the morning, with Athena clinging to me while the hubby snores beside us. For the technically-minded moms, get the book, "What to Expect: Baby's First Year." It has a chapter on each month of a baby's life and is very informative.

Both these books are available in PowerBooks. In fact, I recently found out that it is possible to order books from them and these are delivered in two weeks. And because of their volume order, they come out cheaper than ordering from Amazon.com. I wish they would take orders for designer shoes as well.

Aside from reading, I am also attempting to sing. The key word here is attempting! In efforts to put my baby to sleep, I bought this hands-free karaoke mike and I practice my hidden (very deep and should stay that way) talent on someone who can't tell the difference between my voice and my fave diva, **Bituin Escalante**. Unfortunately, I can't practice that often because baby Athena likes it quiet and peaceful when she is done with her feeding and on the way to dreamland.

A surefire way to put babies to sleep is a car trip. No matter how short the distance, there is something about the motion of the ride that puts them straight to bed. In her first out-of-town trip, she slept all the way to Tagaytay, where we stayed for the weekend. Even the two older kids so noisy and fussing over her didn't make a difference as she dozed contentedly in her car seat.

## French gig

Thanks to my first trip since my delivery, I have finally broken the hibernation ice and started to get into the swing of things. My coming-out is in perfect timing with the month-long festivities of French Spring in Manila. The French Embassy, in cooperation with Alliance Française de Manille and Association Française d'Action, brings to the Filipino audience a series of performances in theater, music, dance, visual arts and cinema. With our keen interest in French culture as well as Frenchmen, this celebration also has a series of gastronomic fairs and workshops.

The gala night opened with the wonderful artistry and musical diversity of **Hélène Delavault**, who brought familiar images of gay Paree, often associated with cabarets and cafés. French and Filipino musicians performed with her as they enchanted the audience with their passion for music and comedic flair.

For the promotion of French culture, 15 films currently showing in cineplexes in Paris were brought in as part of the 10th French Film Festival. Aside from that, there was a sizzling jazz night, a rock concert, a musical play and a weaving exhibit. It was amazing how diverse the performances were—enough to suit anyone interested in this great European nation's élan.

My social events normally don't cover the embassy circuit because that's the territory of INQUIRER columnist **Bambi Harper**. But in between my pregnancy and delivery, sexy, knit designer **Lulu Tan Gan** asked me to join the board of directors of Alliance Française, even though the only French I know is "Je t'aime!" which always makes me want to continue with "te amo, I love you," thanks to the Metro Pop song of Leah Navarro from decades ago.

With free French lessons on fashion and culture, I was honored to be on the board and excited to join their festivities, not to mention the excellent French wine served in the meetings, which I look forward to drinking after I am done nursing.

## Back to my old self

Aside from that cultural scene, I also started taping episodes of "Look Who's Talking" with my co-hosts **Johnny Litton** and **Anton San Diego**. I must be going through my own mini version of postpartum depression because I could not get myself to wear all the accessories and wigs I used to don for the show. The bangles and hairpieces felt so heavy and uncomfortable. Something strange must be happening and I hope to snap out of it soon.

After taping an episode with **Loren Legarda**, which airs tomorrow at 10 in the evening on ABC-5, I realize I need to return to my perky old self. Loren has such verve and panache that she makes everyone want to be as happy as she is. At next week's episode, I hope to get back to walking on stilettos while balancing a 12-inch hairdo.

I'm in the perfect mood for this Sunday, which is Father's Day. It's the start of two weeks of celebrating with my good ol' hubby, Dennis. Next week is our 11th year wedding anniversary and the week after will be Athena's baptism. With so much going on, I am convinced it's already time to burn my muu-muu gowns!

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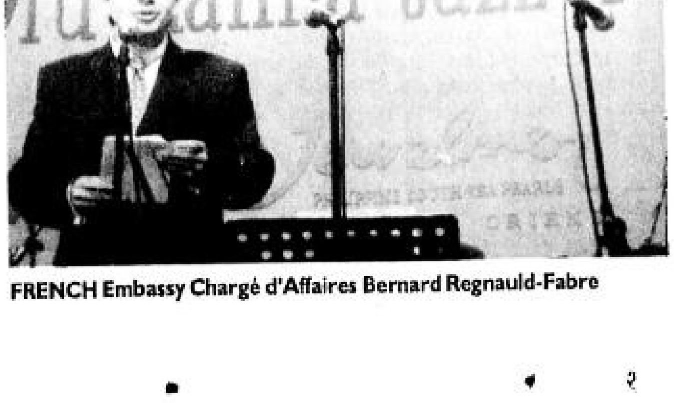

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**EXHIBIT** of Valera-inspired ternos by 30 Filipino fashion designers as a tribute to the master couturier

Valera gowns that were auctioned

# Valera lives on, beyond fashion

RAMON Valera's legacy in couture does not only transcend time, it even goes beyond fashion. At the launch of the book "Valera, Cada Traje es una Obra Maestra," homage to the pioneering artistry of the designer who at his peak dressed Manila's most important society swans, six of his original creations were auctioned off to raise funds for the Philippine National Red Cross Blood Program.

A beautiful white terno formerly owned by Adelaida Mendoza was sold to society doyenne Mellie Ablaza. Menchu Concepcion was able to bring home a royal blue terno owned by no less than former First Lady Luz Banzon Magsaysay who, incidentally, also served as Honorary President of PNRC for many years. The gown was a donation by her daughter Mila Magsaysay Valenzuela. Bergamo's Mel Meer snagged the light blue debutante gown, a truly memorable dress for its now former owner, the event chairperson Nedy Tantoco of Rustan's. Art collector George Sison, for his part, was enchanted no doubt by the green terno which used to belong in the closet of perhaps the greatest dramatic soprano the country has ever produced, Remedios Bosch Jimenez. Her daughter Rosemarie Arenas donated the gown. Auctioneer Johnny Litton was assisted by Liz Lirag of the famed New Yorker boutique. The proceeds will go to the PNRC's plan to buy a new, updated blood-cleansing machine to replace its existing one.

It was an evening of glamour and nostalgia, with Don Ramon's family and close friends, colleagues and clients gracing the once-in-a-lifetime affair to honor the designer and get a first peek at the book edited by veteran journalist Abe Florendo, and published by the Tantoco-Rustia Foundation.

The book launch committee members were in full force that evening. Apart from co-chairs Nedy Tantoco and Irene Martel-Francisco, present too were collector of vintage Valeras Danny Dolor and designer Criselda Lontok, both of whom curated the gowns; Bambi Harper, founding member of the Filipino Heritage Festival, Inc., Ben Farrales, who organized the 30 designers participating in the Tribute to Ramon Valera with Nolie Hans. Like a true baptism, the book even had its ninongs and ninangs: Cristina Ponce Enrile, Bambi Harper, Peching Zulueta-Gomez (Valera's niece), the CCP's Nestor Jardin, Rosa Rosal, Cherry Pie Villonco-Lazatin who donated one of the gowns for auction, Mila Magsaysay Valenzuela & Alexandra Madrigal-Eduque.

**CRISTINA** Ponce Enrile, Bambi Harper, Rosa Rosal, Mila Magsaysay-Valenzuela, Ciara Lazatin, Alexander Eduque, Cherry Pie Villonco-Lazatin, Peching Zulueta-Gomez and Nestor Jardin

A ceremonial toast was led by Susana Madrigal , who represented her aunt, the enduring style icon Chito Madrigal Collantes who was a Valera devotee, and Irene Martel Francisco.

Another exciting part of the affair was a tribute to Ramon Valera by 30 Filipino designers who all interpreted the Valera touch in their own creations for the exhibit. The designers are: Johnny Abad, Edgar Allan, Ronaldo Arnaldo, Eddie Baddeo, Alex Bitong, JC Buendia, Francis Calaquian, Gregg Centeno, Jing Chua, Danny de la Cuesta, Steve de Leon, Donnie Delima, Danilo Franco, Toni Galang, Gener Gozum, Boy Guino-o, Roland Lirio, Loretto, Edgar Madamba, Dennis Martin, Jontie Martinez, Ole Morabe, Richard Papa, Oskar Peralta, Lito Perez, Bumbee Ramos, Roland Roxas, Renee Salud, Edgar San Diego, and Tente Wilwayco. The clothes will be on display until June 30 at the G/F, left wing of the Museum of the Filipino People which is open Wednesday to Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sponsors providing valuable support to the project are The Philippine Tatler, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), the Philippine Amusement & Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR), and Stores Specialists, Inc. (SSI). Also supporting the event are Westin Philippine Plaza, Ralph's Wines & Spirits, Rustan Supermarket Inc., Manprom Advertising Agency, Visions & Expressions for publicity, Wencesco Enterprises for the mannequins used for the exhibit, and Segafredo.

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# Jennifer Aniston and Angelina Jolie slug it out—in tees

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down to one of the most coveted Filipino brands today, Tint. The dynamic duo of **Raul Francisco** and **Joanna Preysler** keep churning up quality designs that are affordable and ultra hip. Tint is at Greenbelt 3.

A funny thing happened while getting my US visa—Part 2—I was back in pavilion 1 to line up to get a number when a lady approached and told me, "*Huy, kilala kita. Pinapanood kita sa TV.*"

"*Ano uli ang pangalan mo?*" I am not the most energetic or civil person in the morning and on bad days I can chomp someone's head off, but I nicely said, "Hi, *ako si Anton San Diego.*" She answered, "*Oo nga, ikaw 'yung sidekick ni* **Johnny Litton.**" Cringe. I smiled at her and moved toward the loo.

Then I spotted **Diether Ocampo.** I approached him to say hello when this lady again appeared from nowhere and said, "*Uuuyy,* Diether *ang guapo-guapo mo at puti-puti mo rin.*" Diether, being used to the attention said, "*Salamat.*" I was thinking of getting back at the woman: "*Eh ako, hindi ba ako guapo?*" Then she paused, looked at us and said, "*Alam mo bagay kayo!*"

So I finally inched my way to the main hall for the interview. It was jampacked and there.was no place to sit. There were about 700 people in there.

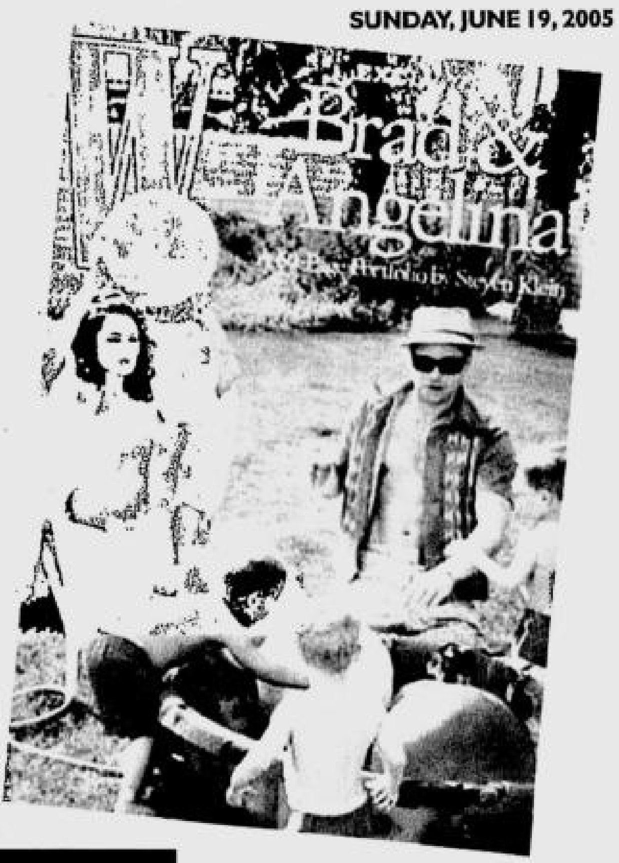
The funny thing about being Pinoy is how we really love to get involved in the affairs of others. Since the room was tight I could overhear strangers asking one another—when they plan to go to the US and if they have money to finance their trip.

The day that I was there must have been a show-biz day because those kids from "Star in a Million" were also applying for a visa.

I heard one say, "Wow, *sina* Sarah (Geronimo) *nandito* oh, *galing-galing niya 'no?*" One cynical gal who either must have been waiting for hours or was denied the first time and had to come back said, "*Ano naman ang magagawa mo sa kanila, makakatulong ba sila pagkuha ng visa mo?*"

It was still a long wait till my number lit up on the electronic board. I had forgotten that so many of Pinoys were applying for a US visa are professionals. Some were really desperate for a better life. The security guard told me they interview about 1,000 people a day.

All of a sudden there was a loud scream.



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The whole room literally woke up and tried to find out what happened. We thought that a visa officer was shouting at an applicant.

It turns out this young boy and his mom had to demonstrate taekwondo techniques to the visa officer: the child needed a visa to be able to compete for a taekwondo tournament.

Now how did I know that? My seat mate told me. She said, "*Ganyan talaga dito!* I could hear the mom desperately cajole his young son, '*Sige pa anak, haya!*'"

It was finally my turn and I was a bit nervous, but thank God the interview was quick and painless. They told me to follow some procedures and that the visa would be delivered by courier to my house.

As I was leaving, there was a lovely girl being interviewed in one window. She suddenly began singing. No, it was not Sarah and her ilk.

As I left the embassy I realized that the visa application system had improved tremendously, compared to the first time I applied some 10 years ago. I could also not help but think of the lure of the US in our lives. It is still the land of milk and honey, where dreams are made possible. I only wished that one day we could see our country the way we see the US.

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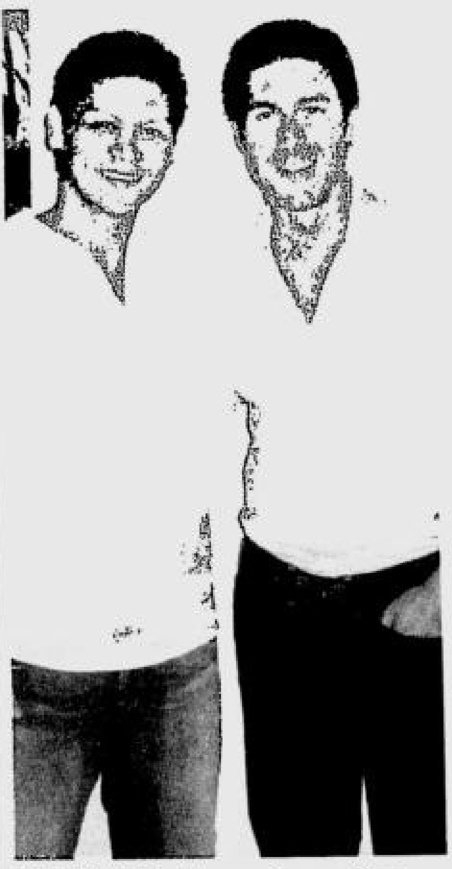
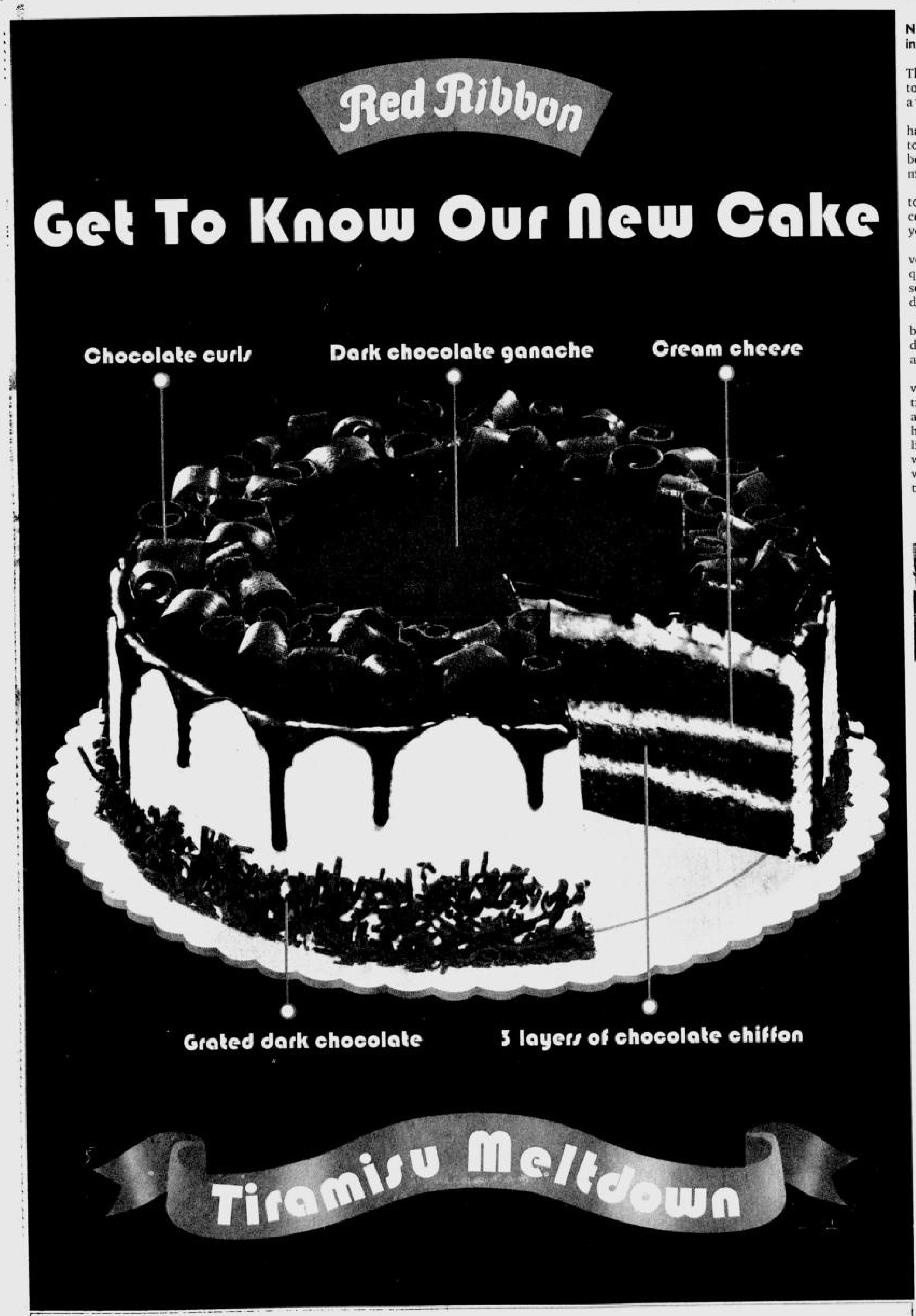


**THE AUTHOR with grooming guru Kyan Douglas**

**HUGO Boss opens at Greenbelt 4.**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Boots, antiques, furniture, pasta, skin care, Good Morning towels, art—name it, the Marikina Shoe Expo in Cubao has it

By Gilda Cordero Fernando

THE DAY began auspiciously with a visit to "Fashionate Archive Collection (Hong Kong and Europe)" on Anonas Street, QC, beside the LRT, better known as an *ukay-ukay* joint. Its salesgirls, Bheybee and Glehna, had texted me about their "new arrivals" (*parang* Rustan!).

In case you haven't heard, this once underground economy measure has come up in the world. The big *ukay-ukays*, like Fashionate, are air-conditioned, have dressing rooms (if you are not queasy about *buni* and such) and all the clothes are on hangers.

As I plunge into the serious business of spotting unique, and if possible designer, finds, I spy my driver (who spells his name Carl'os, by the way) busily going through the men's racks. The *ukay-ukay* is the only place we can bond in true democracy. Later, Carl'os alerts me to finds in the neighboring store, "only P50 per pant, ma'am," as against the P120 of a newly opened bundle. I end up with three pieces, my driver with five. Now, to boil them.

## Shoe expo

After that I am driven to the Marikina Shoe Expo in Cubao, which everyone by now knows is slowly metamorphosing into an artists' haven.

In the '70s, to encourage people to buy local shoes, the Expo (two streets lined with shoe stores), was launched by Madam Imelda Marcos as a showcase for Marikina's chief industry. Expo burned down much later, but since the original lessor did not wish to build it up again, the stall owners, one of them Rusty Lopez, decided to get together and rebuild the place themselves. Marikina shoes, in the meantime, had become firmly ensconced in every department store (Madam's mission accomplished!) and its showcase became superfluous. The shoe stores are now closing one by one and their low rent has attracted enterprising "starving" artists to take over with their own little art businesses.

## Survivors

Shoe stores Janylin, Centropell, Abbylene, Valentino, Soliman and other brave hearts, however, have survived the crunch. Abbylene is known for its nostalgic '50s design shoes and as a maker of quickie wedding footwear. To my eternal envy, my daughter-in-law recently bought three pairs of pretty shoes there for P1,033.

In Soliman, the bootery next to it, two friends and I fell in love with a pair of red boots in soft glove leather. Julie tried it on. Too big! Norma tried it on. Too small! Cinderella slid in her right foot, then her left, and zipped up the zipper, and they fit perfectly! But wait! I felt out of balance. The right boot was an inch higher than the left. Oh, said the *tindera*, it was made to order by someone with a limp who never picked it up. (That's why it was half-price). Adroitly, she tore off the instep and removed the wedge. Then she promised to shine up the boots and attach no-slip rubber soles for free. How could I resist?

The snazziest boots, of course, are not in Soliman but in Danest ("home of boots, clogs and sexy costumes"), a Japayuki's dream come true. Here they are thigh-high, red and white, or silver and gold, laced up to the top. Above the Sto. Niño hang, as well, glittering, reveal-all bodices with loops and straps of sequins and teardrops.

## Extra bread sticks

I am now hungry and repair to Bellini's restaurant. Italian photographer Roberto married Filipina Maria Luisa, and their names are painted romantically on the eatery wall among a profusion of grapevines and a Naples scene, beside three wine bottle clocks stating the hour in Rome, New York and Manila. Today, the gentle, white-haired Roberto and Maria Luisa, a huge, handsome, buxom woman, are at the doorway being photographed.

The restaurant is always full because what Bellini's food lacks in sophistication is made up for by Roberto's charm and the extra bread sticks that he gives his customers. (There is no child whose hair he has not ruffled.)

## Vintage shops

Next door to the restaurant is Vintage Pop, a spiffy antiques shop owned by a handsome

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Sweat and Tears.

His are the hands of a working father. Jun tirelessly works at his craft with an intensity that can consume his whole being. With each deliberate click of the camera, his mind already knows that he has set the perfect moment and captured it forever. What keeps this artist going, however, is not the accolades nor fame as the most trusted and sought-after celebrity photographer. In the end, when there are no more images left to take, Jun looks forward to that single, perfect vision waiting for him at home — a family that inspires him to work harder, one he nurtures and loves more than any legacy he could ever hope to have.

Giving of himself like he does with his family, Jun has pledged to donate his eyes and join the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign of the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines (EBFP), a non-profit humanitarian organization committed to alleviating corneal blindness in Filipinos, and Visine Refresh, a tears substitute. On its tenth year, EBFP keeps the hope of restored sight alive by making corneal transplant surgery accessible to all, and prevents more unnecessary blindness by educating the public on the importance of healthy eyes.

In line with this campaign, each purchase of Visine Refresh will mean a donation to the EBFP in support of its fight against corneal blindness.

*You, too, can help the EBFP by donating cash, or signing on as a cornea or eye donor. Join Jun, Visine Refresh and the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines in the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign, and ensure that our fellow Filipinos see a bright future ahead.*

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## RAGNAROK

**BY MARC REYES & TAGA-ILOG**

FOLLOW THE FOLD TO GET TO MIDGARD

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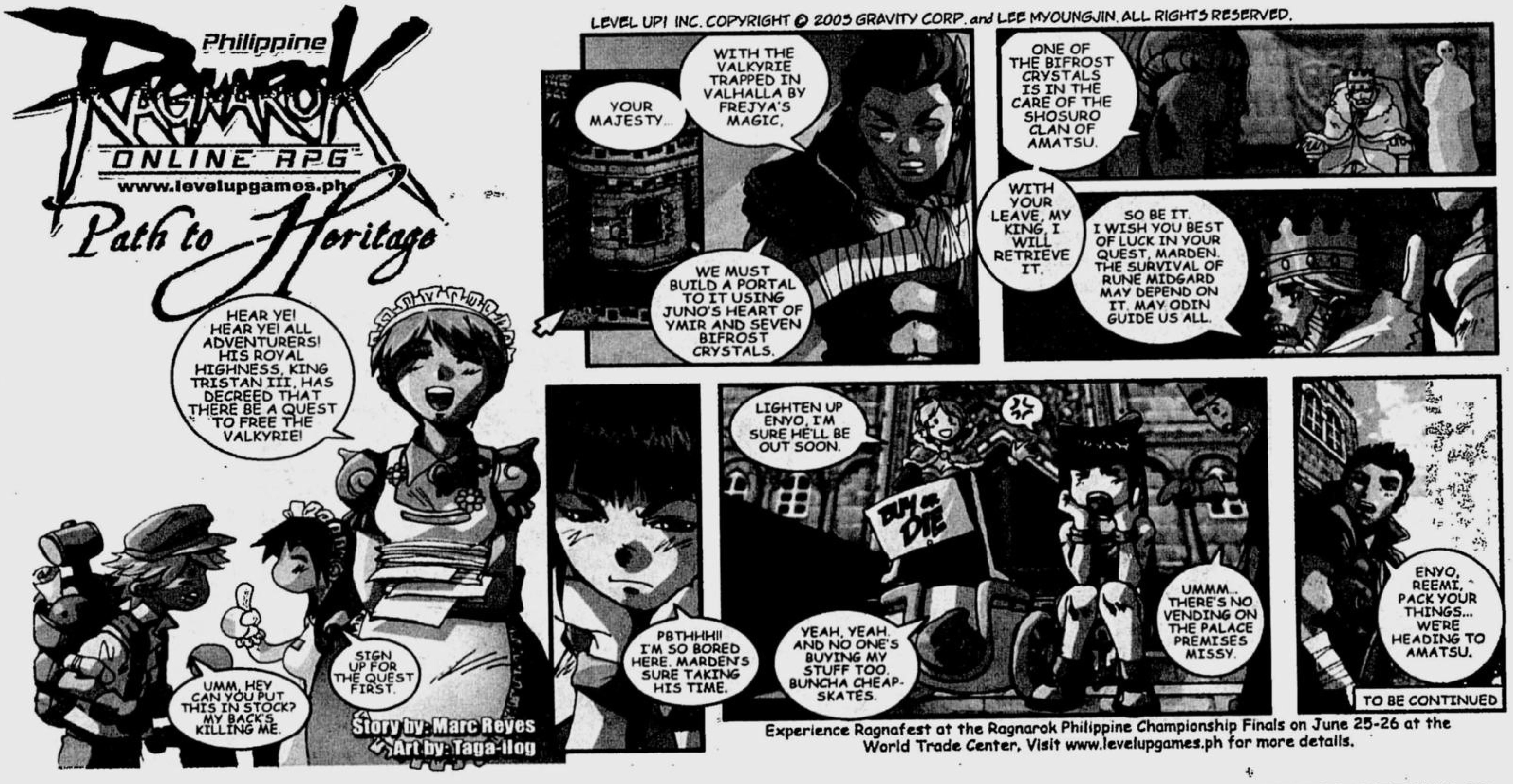
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YOUR MAJESTY...
WITH THE VALKYRIE TRAPPED IN VALHALLA BY FREJYA'S MAGIC,
WE MUST BUILD A PORTAL TO IT USING JUNO'S HEART OF YMIR AND SEVEN BIFROST CRYSTALS.
ONE OF THE BIFROST CRYSTALS IS IN THE CARE OF THE SHOSURO CLAN OF AMATSU.
WITH YOUR LEAVE, MY KING, I WILL RETRIEVE IT.
SO BE IT. I WISH YOU BEST OF LUCK IN YOUR QUEST, MARDEN. THE SURVIVAL OF RUNE MIDGARD MAY DEPEND ON IT. MAY ODIN GUIDE US ALL.
PBTHHH!! I'M SO BORED HERE. MARDEN'S SURE TAKING HIS TIME.
LIGHTEN UP ENYO, I'M SURE HE'LL BE OUT SOON.
BUY or DIE
YEAH, YEAH. AND NO ONE'S BUYING MY STUFF TOO. BUNCHA CHEAP-SKATES.
UMMM... THERE'S NO VENDING ON THE PALACE PREMISES MISSY.
ENYO, REEMI, PACK YOUR THINGS... WE'RE HEADING TO AMATSU.
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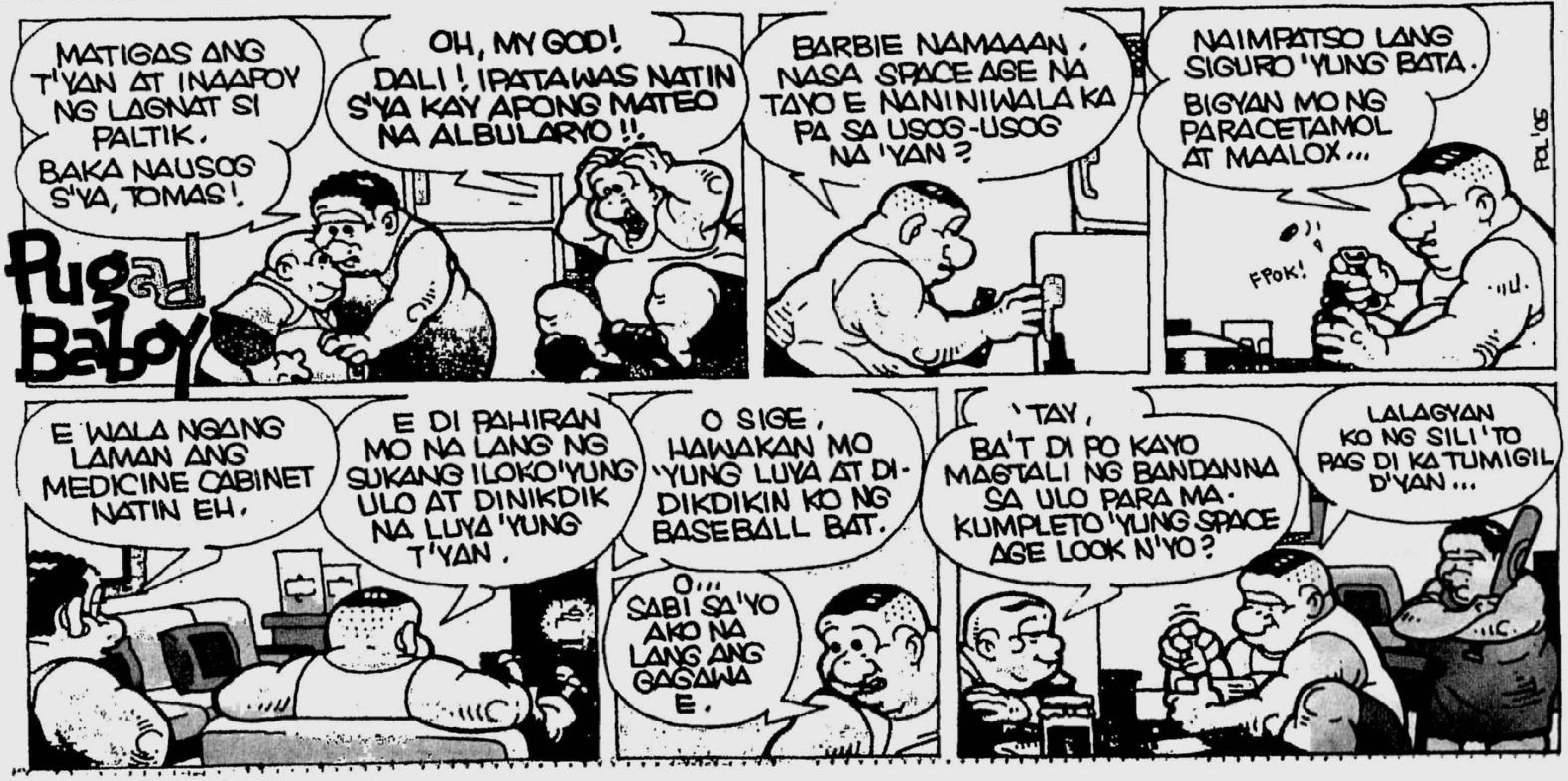
MATIGAS ANG T'YAN AT INAAPOY NG LAGNAT SI PALTIK. BAKA NAUSOG S'YA, TOMAS!
Pugad Baboy
OH, MY GOD! DALI! IPATAWAS NATIN S'YA KAY APONG MATEO NA ALBULARYO!!
BARBIE NAMAAAN. NASA SPACE AGE NA TAYO E NANINIWALA KA PA SA USOG-USOG NA 'YAN?
NAIMPATSO LANG SIGURO 'YUNG BATA. BIGYAN MO NG PARACETAMOL AT MAALOX...
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O SIGE. HAWAKAN MO 'YUNG LUYA AT DI-DIKDIKIN KO NG BASEBALL BAT.
O... SABI SA'YO AKO NA LANG ANG GAGAWA E.
'TAY, BA'T DI PO KAYO MAGTALI NG BANDANNA SA ULO PARA MA-KUMPLETO 'YUNG SPACE AGE LOOK N'YO?
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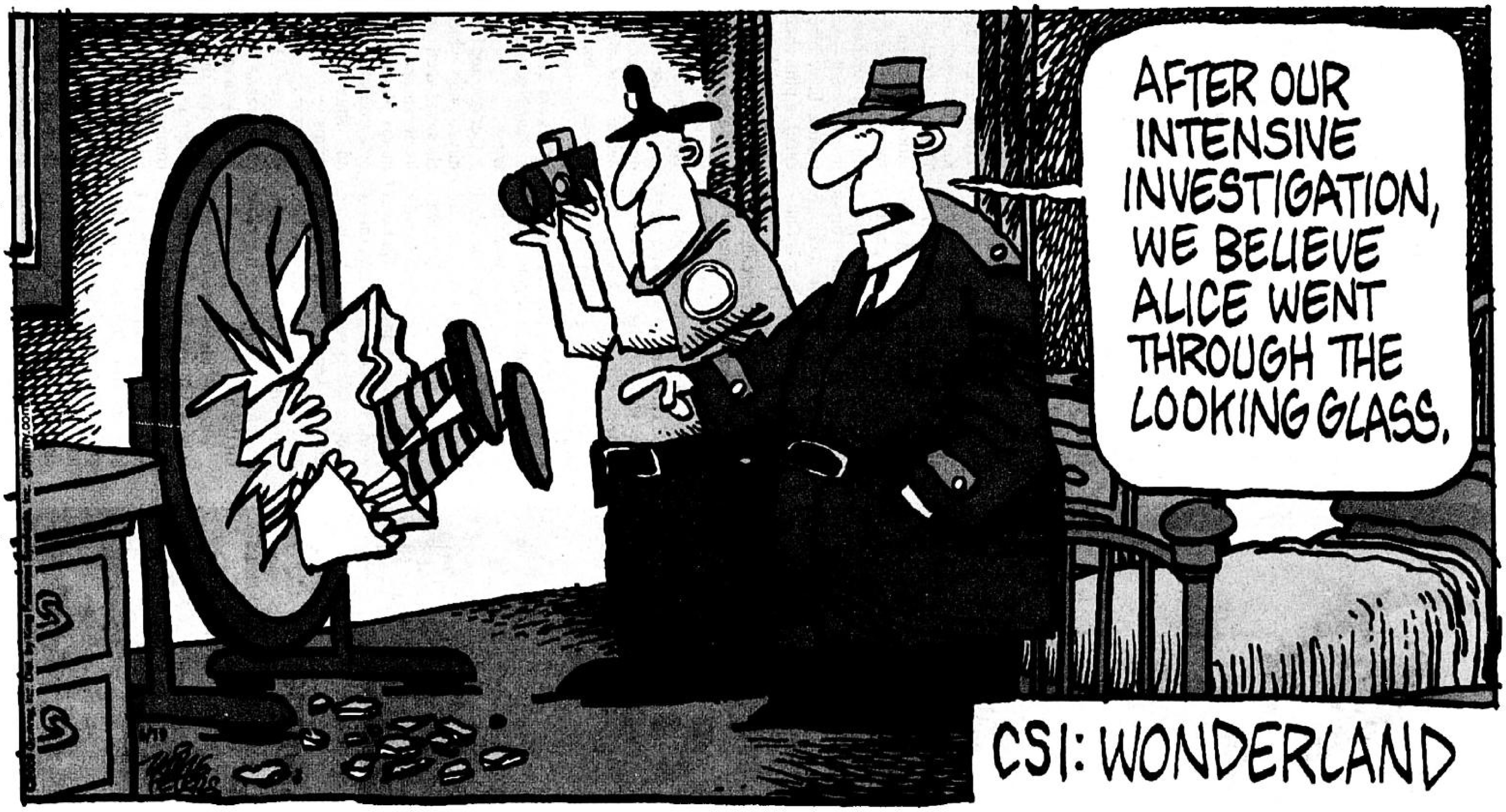
## MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS


AFTER OUR INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION, WE BELIEVE ALICE WENT THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS.
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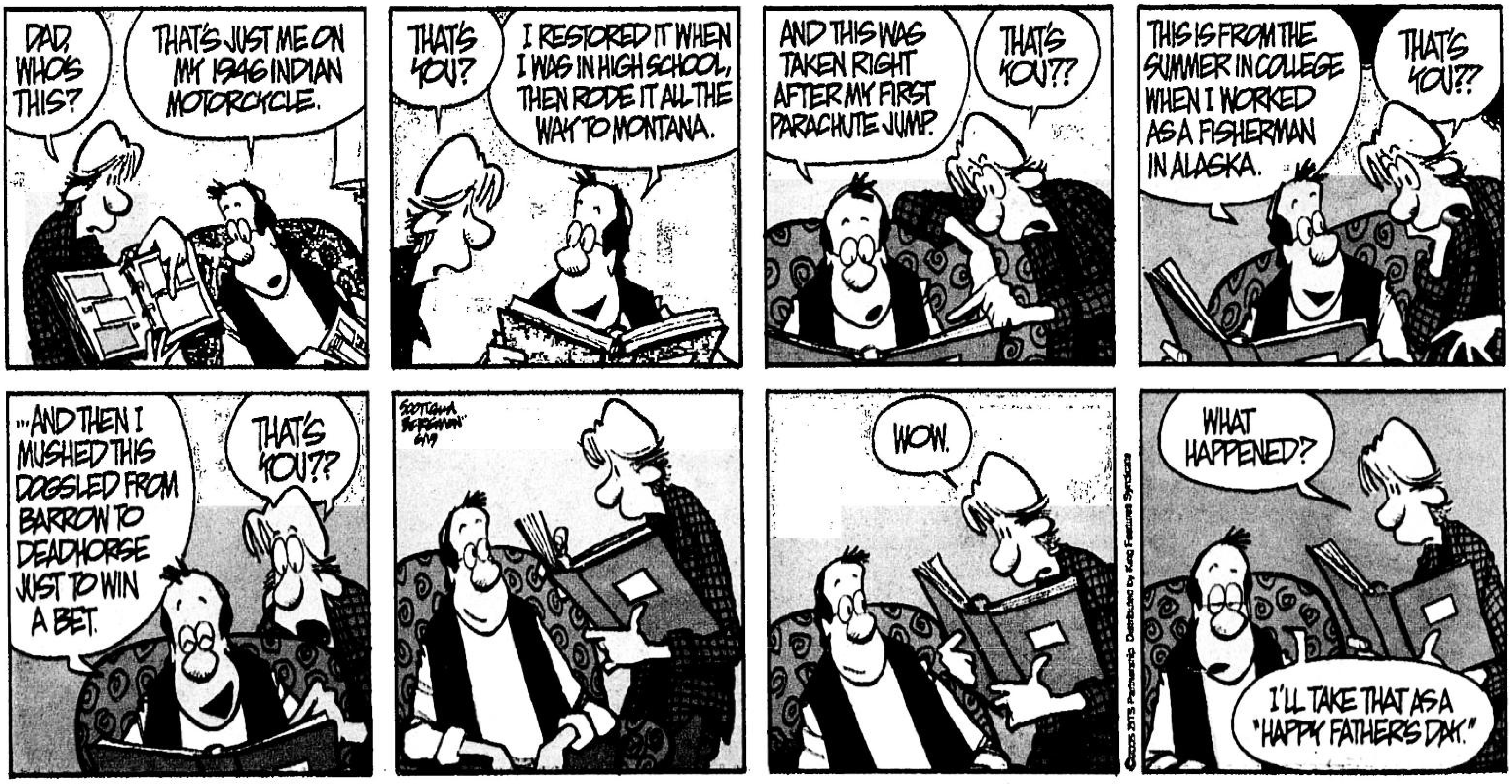
DAD, WHO'S THIS?
THAT'S JUST ME ON MY 1946 INDIAN MOTORCYCLE.
THAT'S YOU?
I RESTORED IT WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL, THEN RODE IT ALL THE WAY TO MONTANA.
AND THIS WAS TAKEN RIGHT AFTER MY FIRST PARACHUTE JUMP.
THAT'S YOU??
THIS IS FROM THE SUMMER IN COLLEGE WHEN I WORKED AS A FISHERMAN IN ALASKA.
THAT'S YOU??
...AND THEN I MUSHED THIS DOGSLED FROM BARROW TO DEADHORSE JUST TO WIN A BET.
THAT'S YOU??
WOW.
WHAT HAPPENED?
I'LL TAKE THAT AS A "HAPPY FATHER'S DAY."
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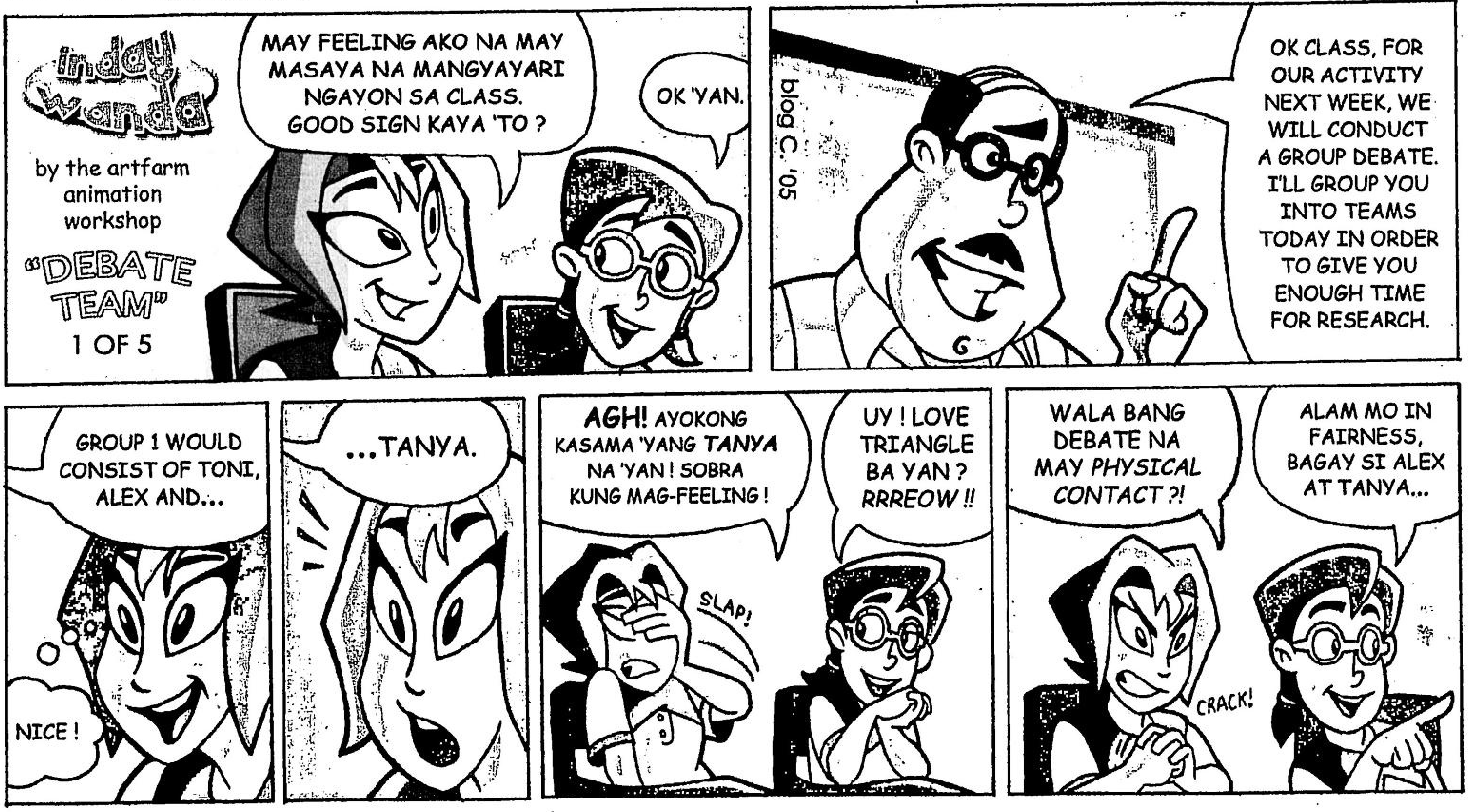
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"DEBATE TEAM"
1 OF 5
MAY FEELING AKO NA MAY MASAYA NA MANGYAYARI NGAYON SA CLASS. GOOD SIGN KAYA 'TO ?
OK 'YAN.
blog C. '05
OK CLASS, FOR OUR ACTIVITY NEXT WEEK, WE WILL CONDUCT A GROUP DEBATE. I'LL GROUP YOU INTO TEAMS TODAY IN ORDER TO GIVE YOU ENOUGH TIME FOR RESEARCH.
GROUP 1 WOULD CONSIST OF TONI, ALEX AND...
NICE !
...TANYA.
AGH! AYOKONG KASAMA 'YANG TANYA NA 'YAN ! SOBRA KUNG MAG-FEELING !
SLAP!
UY ! LOVE TRIANGLE BA YAN ? RRREOW !!
WALA BANG DEBATE NA MAY PHYSICAL CONTACT ?!
CRACK!
ALAM MO IN FAIRNESS, BAGAY SI ALEX AT TANYA...

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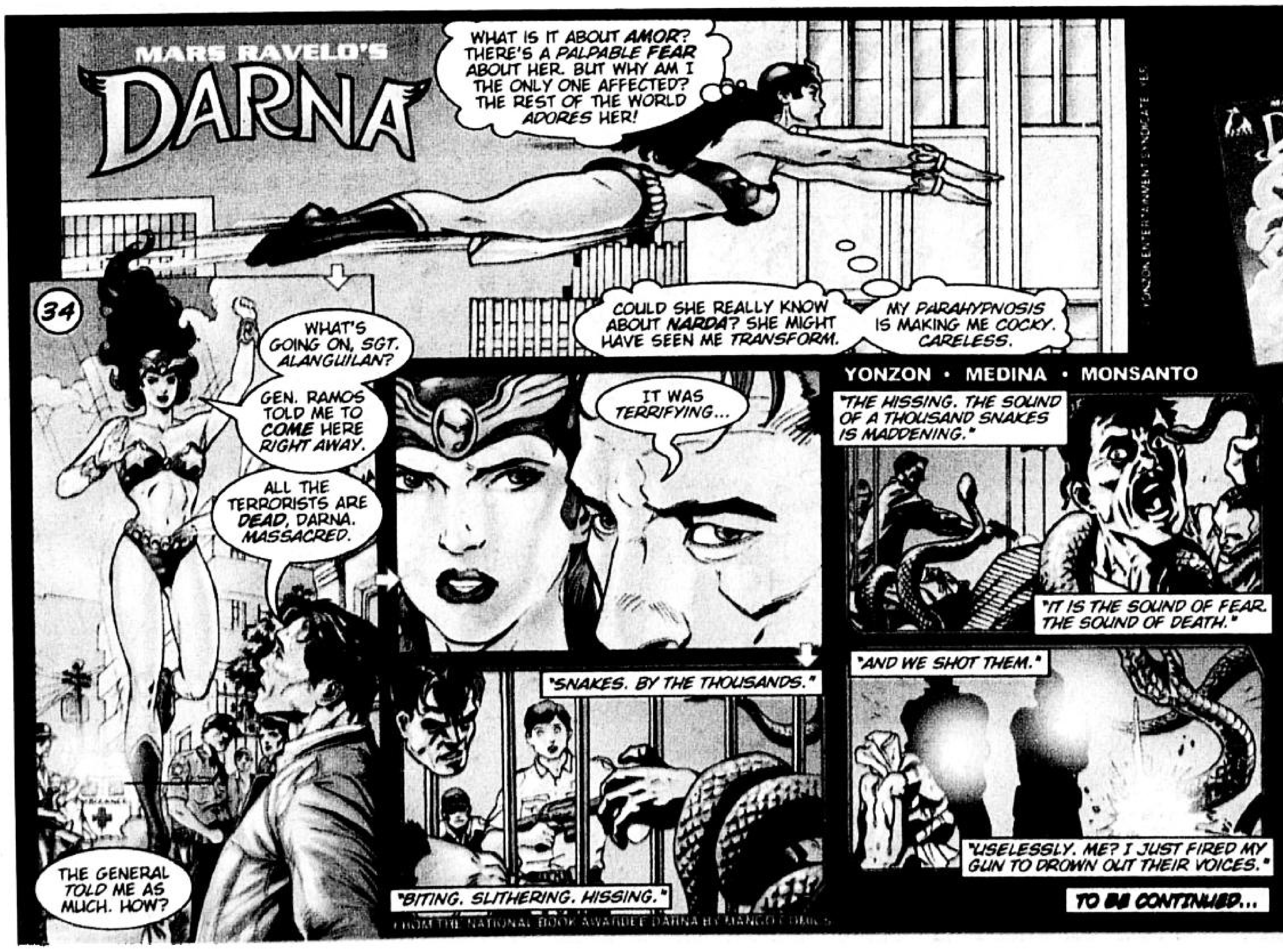
MARS RAVELO'S
DARNA
WHAT IS IT ABOUT AMOR? THERE'S A PALPABLE FEAR ABOUT HER. BUT WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE AFFECTED? THE REST OF THE WORLD ADORES HER!
COULD SHE REALLY KNOW ABOUT NARDA? SHE MIGHT HAVE SEEN ME TRANSFORM.
MY PARAHYPNOSIS IS MAKING ME COCKY. CARELESS.
YONZON ENTERTAINMENT SYNDICATE YES
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WHAT'S GOING ON, SGT. ALANGUILAN?
GEN. RAMOS TOLD ME TO COME HERE RIGHT AWAY.
ALL THE TERRORISTS ARE DEAD, DARNA. MASSACRED.
THE GENERAL TOLD ME AS MUCH. HOW?
IT WAS TERRIFYING...
"SNAKES. BY THE THOUSANDS."
"BITING. SLITHERING. HISSING."
YONZON • MEDINA • MONSANTO
"THE HISSING. THE SOUND OF A THOUSAND SNAKES IS MADDENING."
"IT IS THE SOUND OF FEAR. THE SOUND OF DEATH."
"AND WE SHOT THEM."
"USELESSLY. ME? I JUST FIRED MY GUN TO DROWN OUT THEIR VOICES."
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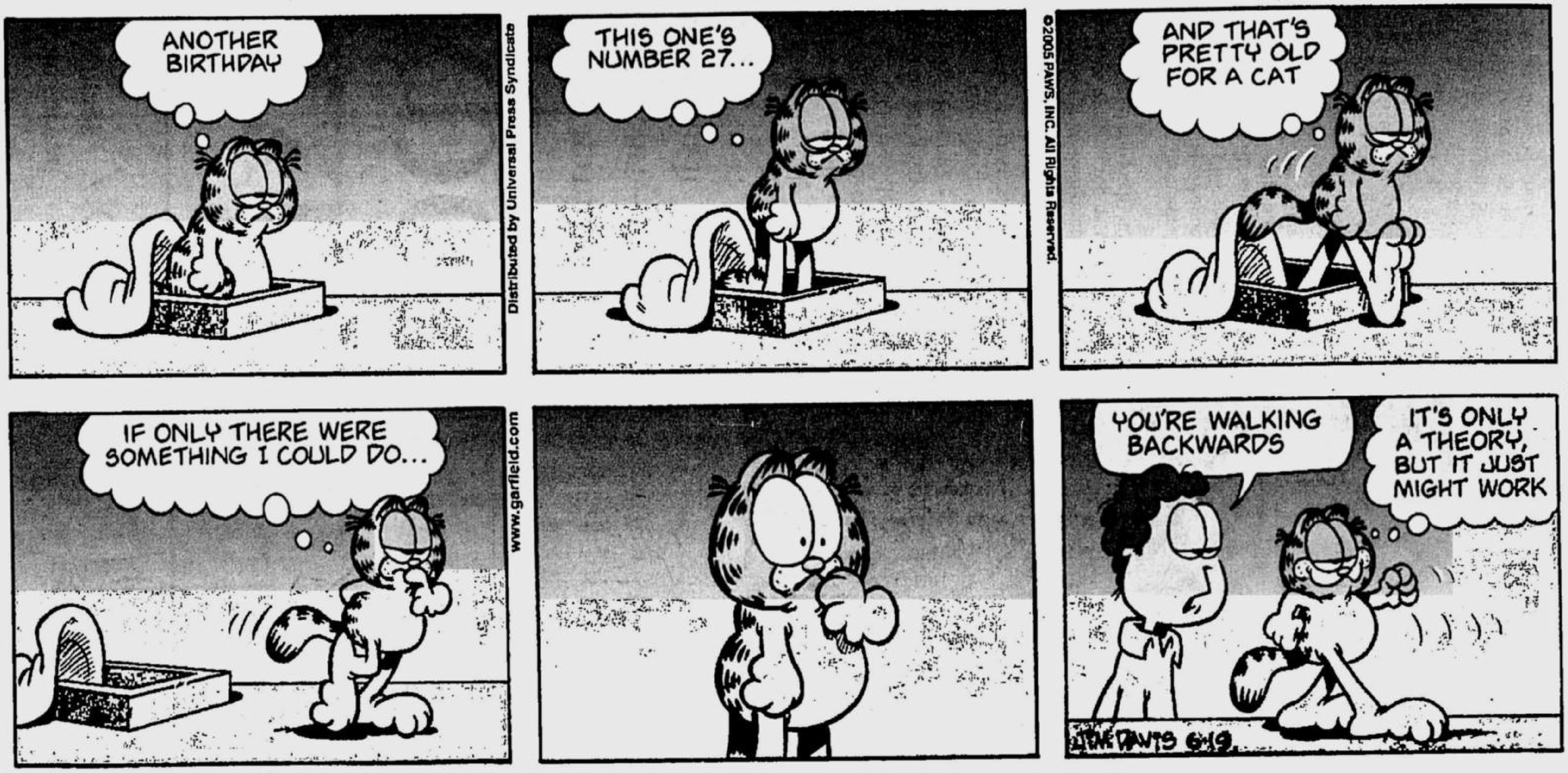
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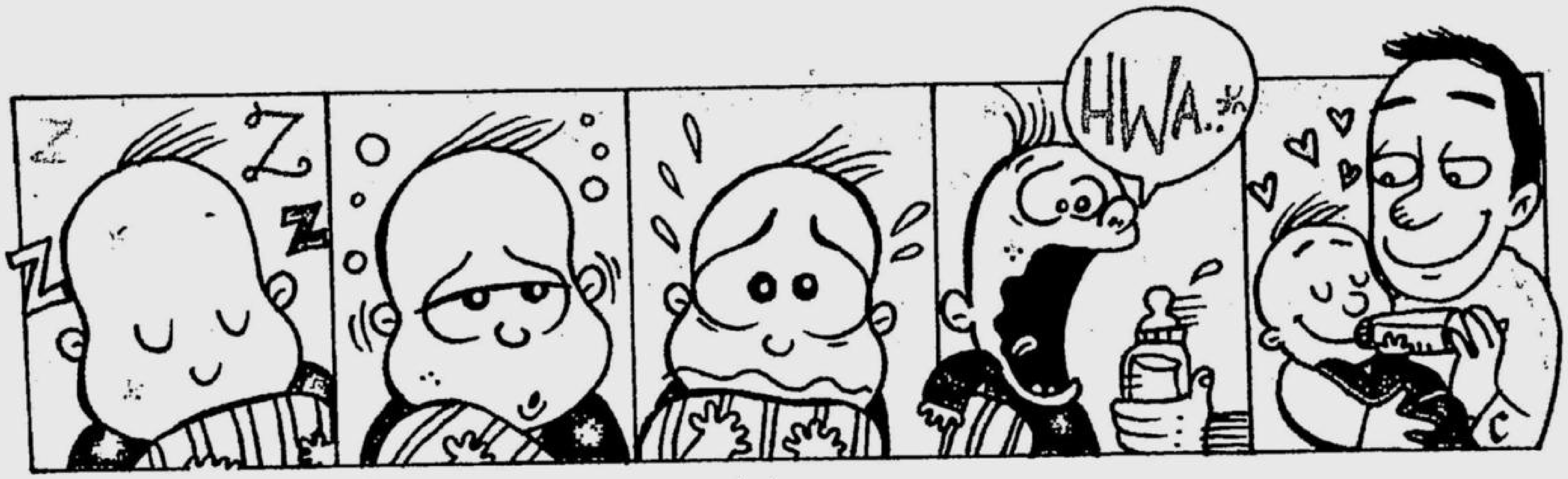
## FULL HOUSE

BY STEPH BRAVO

It is a wise father that knows his own child.
– William Shakespeare



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# An irresistible preschool

THE BRIDGE School may be changing parents' view of preschool.

One parent cited the following reasons why she found The Bridge School irresistible:

- The warmth and expertise of teachers. It was evident they were passionate about their craft. I never felt that they considered teaching was a job to be performed. The children were the ones blessed by such committed teachers.
- The physical setting. I cannot understand how a preschool could be good without an open space for play. Bridge has such a vast outdoor space with safe playground equipment. It even has a gated pool for swimming classes.
- The commitment to celebrate each child as unique and valuable. Through journals, artwork, and periodic authentic assessment, teachers have become so attuned to each student. Kids' comments and stories are always welcomed and meticulously recorded and documented. They are given the freedom to express themselves through their scribbling, writings, and other works of art.
- The value of play. Bridge, a firm believer in the learning through play philosophy, offers a lot of opportunity for instruction through all kinds of play—physical, creative, pretend, etc. It has also invested in quality, highly educational toys.
- The school's openness to parents' suggestions and requests. It creates an environment that welcomes parents' ideas, comments and suggestions; that values each family's unique contribution to the learning and development of children. At the Bridge, teachers and parents work together to build a positive and productive school experience.
- The commitment to grow in the area of child education. Teachers are sent to seminars here and abroad for further education to meet the developing and ever changing needs of children today.
- Excellent learning environment. From the materials used, to books purchased, constant refurbishment of facilities, parents are assured that The Bridge is first and foremost a school committed to the child's learning, and unlike many other preschools run in a profit-oriented, business-like way.
- Child-centered approach. The walls and halls are filled with child-made, not teacher-made, products. No two artworks of children in the same class are the same. Projects are not finished by teachers to impress parents (who can easily tell that their children could not have done them). It is obvious that teachers are trained not to direct and dictate how the learning experience should proceed but to adapt to each child's needs and learn how to turn every opportunity presented by a child into a learning experience.
- God-centered approach. From the start, God is introduced to children in a natural manner, as part of their every day experiences—not through formal lessons but through conversations and values imparted to them.

**MARCO** Simpao at The Bridge playground

The Bridge School is also a strong believer of home-education, giving their full support to parents who decide to provide this kind of instruction.

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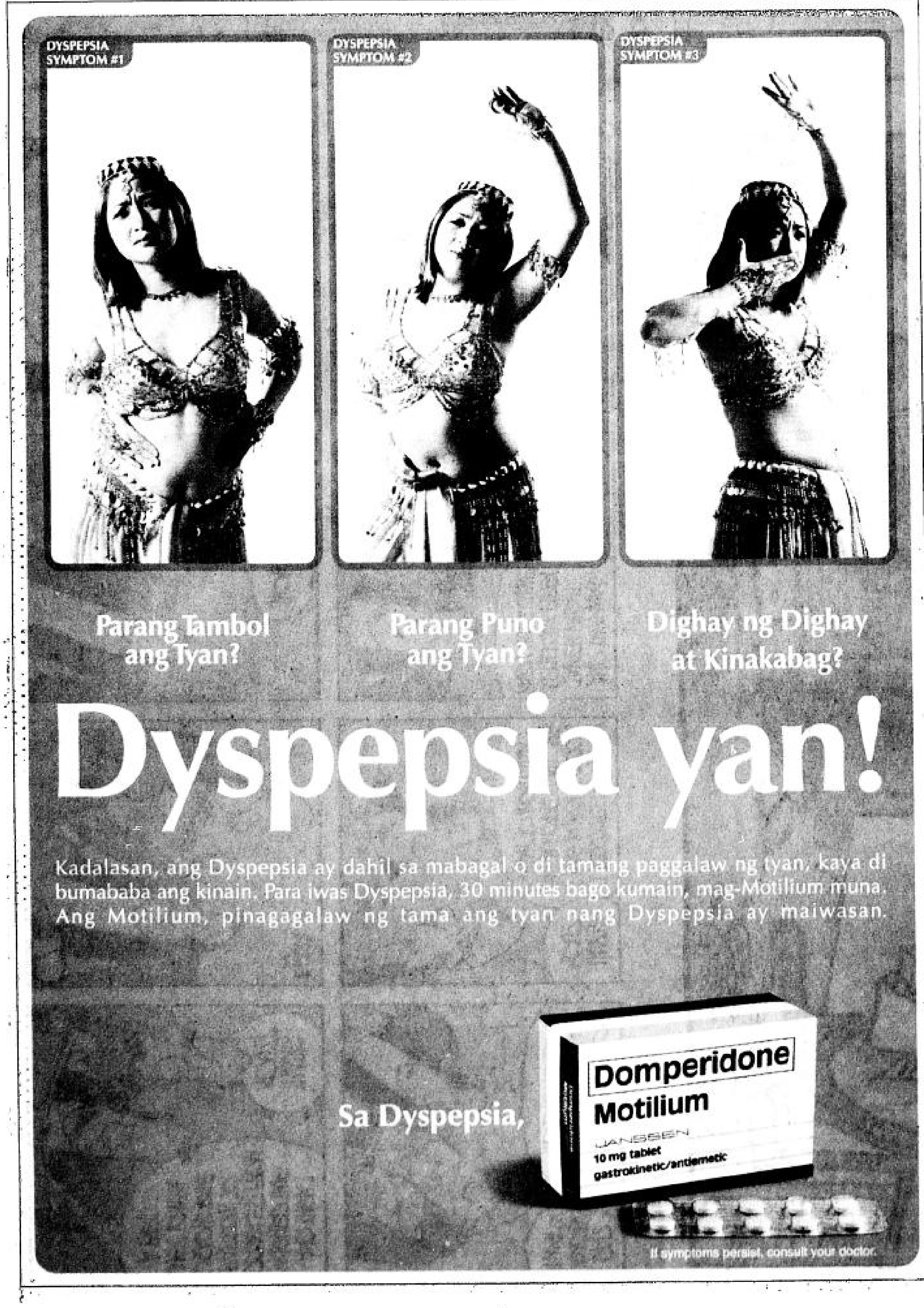

Kadalasan, ang Dyspepsia ay dahil sa mabagal o di tamang paggalaw ng tyan, kaya di bumababa ang kinain. Para iwas Dyspepsia, 30 minutes bago kumain, mag-Motilium muna. Ang Motilium, pinagagalaw ng tama ang tyan nang Dyspepsia ay maiwasan.

If symptoms persist, consult your doctor.

# Maximum exposure

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bald guy named Bong. I note that the things he sells—'40s electric fans, colored phones, alarm clocks with dome shaped bells, phonograph, 10-pin bowling pins and Chinese checkers are things that I had once lived with. It is quite a shock to realize that one has truly become vintage.

Another antiques (cum thrift) shop is owned by a guy named James. It specializes in movie posters of early Tagalog stars such as Gloria Romero and Vilma Santos as Darna but also carries old photographs, crocheted doilies, sunglasses, jackknives, *candelabras*, old buckles and even an Igorot carving.

Of course I visit Datelines, a smart, mostly Filipiniana bookstore owned by Business World staffer Iris Gonzalez. To put up a bookshop in Marikina Shoe Expo requires a lot of imagination and she is doing brisk business, thank you.

## Three galleries

There are three galleries. Neil Daza and Robert Quebral's Black Soup Project is a state-of-the-art space, all in black, the better to show off its photo exhibits. Tonight they are opening "The Dollhouse" by a talented photographer named Wawi Navarroza who is wearing an all-black dress and smoky blue-green stockings. Among its viewing public is Chin-Chin Gutierrez.

The second gallery is called Future Prospects. I had no idea what prospects it held, because the first two times I went in there no one was in attendance and not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. All it has is a shelf of old CDs and DVDs, a mountain of unwashed throw pillows in one corner and a lapsed poster announcing Friday Fascist Nights. I wondered for a long time what the shop sold, or did. Then I bumped into painter Bubbles de Leon and entrepreneur Mauwen Ong who said they were taking classes with Bobby Chabet upstairs. That was when I found out, eureka, that it was a gallery owned by Louie Cordero, Lena Cobangbang and gang. (When the moon is full, Lourd de Veyra and Quark Henares might spin the turntable for them.)

UP art students are the mainstay of Chunky Far-Out Gallery, exhibits on the mezzanine, no railing on the stairs. It is where I buy colorful Chinese kites for gifts, painted handbags and other handmade odds and ends. Its specialty is old toys but Chunky is crazy enough also to carry mahjong tile candles, Japanese pop bottle caps, luncheon meat cans, phosphorescent virgins and a wire hen with plastic eggs inside. Today, its owners are also exhibiting photographs and paintings.

## Art patron

In front, the curtain shop with the harried lady has been vacated and there's a lot of hammering going on inside. I meet with art patron and neurosurgeon Dr. Joven Cuanang (director, St. Luke's Hospital, what is he doing here, you may ask). He is the discoverer of many of the artists around, and as it turns out, also the new tenant of the vacated curtain shop. It will be his third gallery, still unnamed, opening on July 7. "*Di ba?*" he glows proudly.

Joven and I go into a funny shop overflowing to the sidewalk with every bargain under the sun—dusters with coconut palms à la Boracay, bras, cheap perfume, ladles and nutcrackers, Good Morning towels, slimming tea, Maxam toothpaste, lighters, *payong*, dried mushrooms, Happy King (Chinese version of Viagra), TV remote control and curling solution. Stephen, the owner, is sweating in his gray *sando*. Doc Cuanang purchases *camisa* chino in every color—pink, green, blue, yellow, lilac, black, white (P82 each), a pink chain and a pair of tongs. I am happy enough with my lone Good Morning towel.

Everyone around knows Doc except maybe the *siopao* vendor. The owners of the only skin clinic in the place, who are a pair of doctors, greet him, and Signor Bellini runs after us with two glasses of complimentary rose wine. The young artists are now sitting on Black Soup's sidewalk in their black outfits, also sipping wine.

Our last stop is Be*spoke, a furniture shop which is easily the classiest kid on the block. Jeremy, its owner and genius of a maker, molds plastic furniture inspired by European imports. His shop is all white with cut-out paper lamps.

Tonight he has brought over a rectangular bathtub-size beer cooler made of clear plastic that looks like a cracked ice. It is softly lit from within. We applaud. We continue lolling around on the comfortable chairs, Doc and Riel and his girlfriend and I, wondering how long the combination of art, glamour and sleaze of Marikina Expo will last. Before the rents skyrocket and big business takes over and kills the goose that lays the golden eggs.

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# Daddy's choices

Cologne is a perfect gift idea if you believe in the power of scent and the images it can evoke

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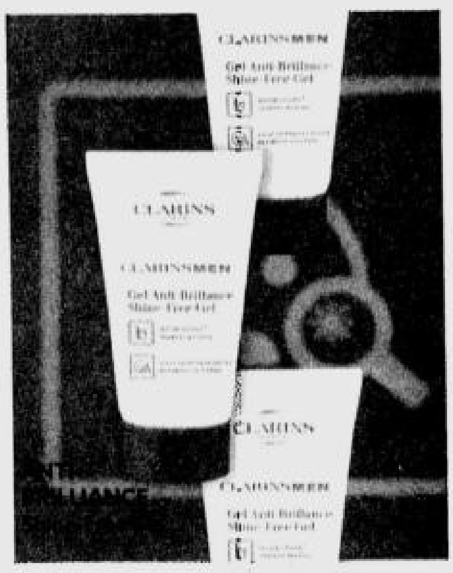
**BERMUDA Tonic draws upon the sophistication and elegance of the original Aramis scent.**



By Belle V. Bondoc

THINKING of what to give dad on his special day?

Well, cologne is a perfect gift idea if you believe in the power of scent and the images it can evoke. A no-nonsense grooming product is also a great pick, especially if the recipient takes pride in his daily ablutions.

If you want dad to feel sensual yet very professional, Gendarme, a French brand, is a good choice. This "arresting new scent for men" embodies subtle hints and fresh undertones. It was created in 1983 by an American, Topper Schroeder.

Schroeder was just an ordinary consumer in search of cologne he could wear without causing him skin irritations or asthma attacks. So he developed that dream cologne for his own consumption—without a name and a commercial home. He began to wear it everywhere, and it became the talk of people he met.

Schroeder found his home-made perfume an "arresting fragrance," and christened it Gendarme (the generic name for a French policeman).

From a single scent, Gendarme now offers a full line of fragrances, plus a hair and body shampoo (P895) and a contour deodorant (P695). The brand has also become identified with prominent personalities like Tom Cruise, Hugh Grant, Sharon Stone and Brooke Shields, among others.

## Scent of the sea

If dad wants something light yet powerful, there's the Bermuda Tonic from Aramis, the brand specifically designed for mature men.

According to Raymond Matts, vice president of Corporate Fragrance Development for the Estee Lauder Companies, Bermuda Tonic embraces a casual elegance and a feeling of easy comfort. The fresh clean scent inspires the feeling of being in a place every woman would want their man to be—a place where he can relax and be himself.

Bermuda Tonic draws upon the sophistication and elegance of the original Aramis scent. As refreshing as your favorite summer drink, the scent captures the atmosphere of Bermuda's cool sea.

It combines a burst of Fresh Crisp Green Notes with touches of Citrus and Eucalyptus Flower. Rum, Milk and Soft Wood notes provide a contrasting sensual aura. The scent comes in 60ml (P1750) and 120ml (P2,450) bottles.

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The Shine-Free Gel promises to restore the skin's optimum moisture level without the feeling of greasiness that so many men hate. Men with oily skin can benefit from this oil-free shaving gel.

For best results, apply every morning after shaving. A few drops applied on the skin are all it takes to ensure a matte and clean after-shave appearance.

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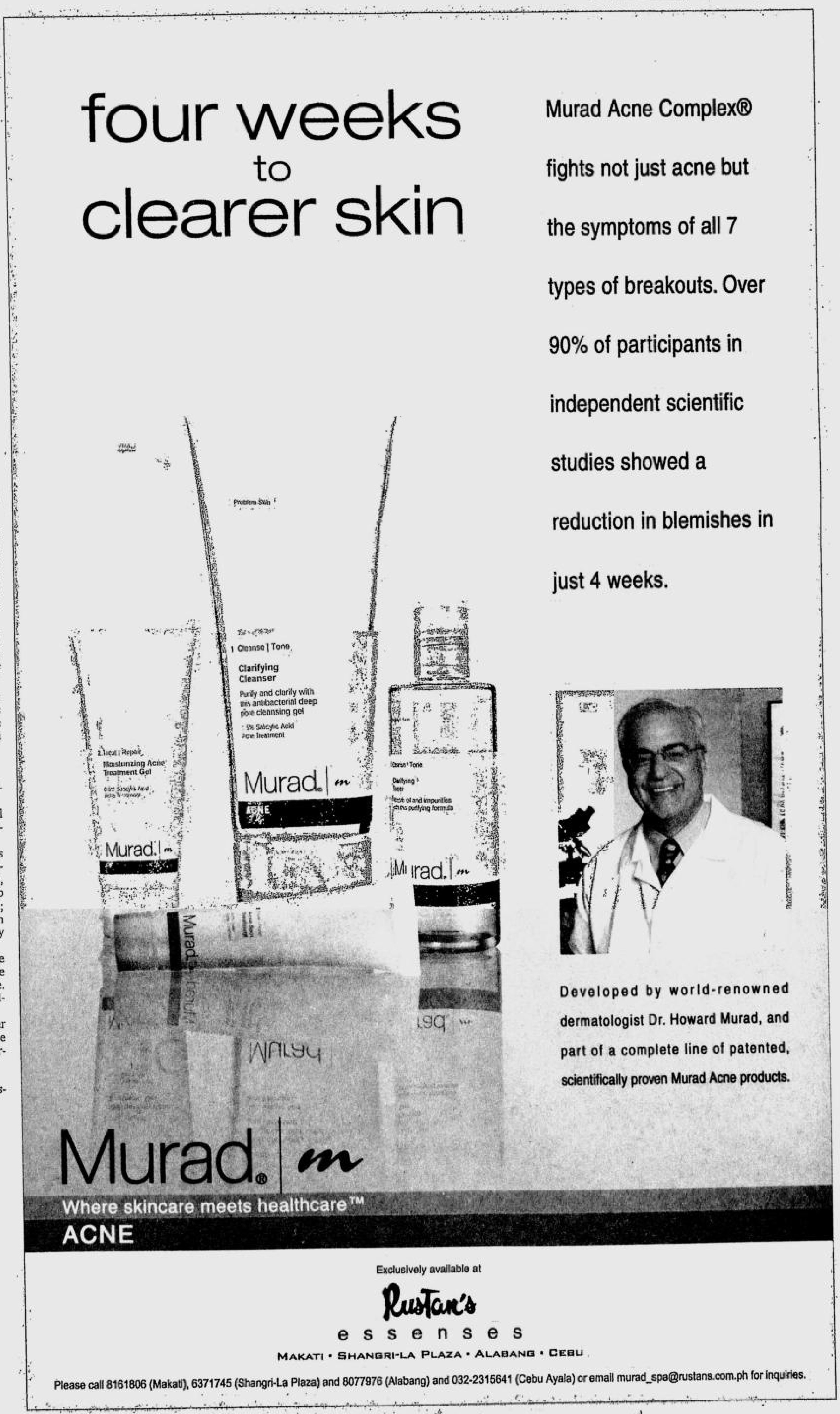
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# Skin care that is the best of both worlds

**By Irene C. Perez,**
*daughter of Severino Geronimo Perez*

HOLLYWOOD babes Jennifer Aniston, Gwyneth Paltrow and Natalie Portman, and even Carson Kressley of "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," trust one person when it comes to skincare. He happens to be a Romanian guy who knows the buzz in beauty.

Say the name Mario Badescu and any beauty junkie would think posh New York skincare. After all, his most famous client is Sarah Jessica Parker of "Sex and City," and his shop has been tagged "New York's best-kept secret."

> Mario Badescu combines natural treatments and sophisticated technology

"...It's one of my favorite places to be"
- SARAH JESSICA PARKER

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**HOLLYWOOD'S best babes: Sarah Jessica Parker and Jennifer Aniston**

Even Adam Sandler, Owen Wilson, Ben Stiller and Michael Douglas trust the guy with their faces.

Badescu has been famous for a mishmash of the old and new. When he opened his salon in 1967, people were charmed on how he meshed Old Word skincare techniques with sophisticated technology.

He used natural ingredients from fruits and botanicals that were kind to the skin, and soon, people wanted to take his products home. Over the years, there have been—count 'em—200 Badescu products for all skin types, from cleansers to toners, exfoliants and treatments that correct skin imperfections.

## Beauty acid

Blessed are those who were born with perfect skin, but for most of us who suffer from breakouts, fine lines, large pores and acne scarring from stress, unhealthy lifestyle and probably, bad genes, Badescu has a glycolic acid line to address such skin problems.

First off, glycolic acid is a non-toxic, naturally occurring alpha hydroxy acid from sugar cane that removes the top layers of skin (a "keratolytic" agent) and opens clogged pores.

It was patented by chemist Ruey Yu and physician Eugene Van Scott for 35 uses, acne treatment, hyperpigmentation cure, aging and scar reduction.

This fruit-based acid prevents aging by improving skin's elasticity while smoothening bumps and "filling in" craters from post-pimple scars. It also holds moisture in the skin in the same manner that a dry sponge holds water.

Acne happens because of clogged pores and glycolic acid cleans skin follicle to prevent buildup that dulls complexion. It also evens out your skin tone without bleaching by eliminating dark, "old," pigmented surface skin.

## Clear-skin routine

You can start off your clear-skin routine with the Glycolic Foaming Cleanser. It has soothing herbal extracts from chamomile, yarrow and sage ideal for all skin types. Those with oily skin should use it nightly while those with dry, sensitive skin should alternate it with a milder cleanser.

Then refresh your skin with the Glycolic Acid Toner. No worries for sensitive skin because it is alcohol-free and has aloe and grapefruit extract. It is recommended for those with dry skin.

Prone to breakouts? The Glycolic Gel can be used nightly if you have oily or combination skin to speed up exfoliation and rid your face of stubborn pimples, blackheads and whiteheads. This goo also softens fine lines, discoloration and minor scars. Always use sunscreen when using the gel. Take note, it might be too strong for those with very sensitive skin.

Working or partying late and guzzling too much coffee or soda can leave you raccoon-eyed. Dab on Glycolic Eye Cream around your eyes to smoothen fine lines and minimize dark circles. Using this rich cream regularly will keep your skin plump and hydrated.

Mario Badescu really knows how to address skin problems. After all, Cher is one of his loyal followers. Now who could guess Cher's real age?

*Mario Badescu products are available at Rustan's Essenses.*

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# Alluring almonds

L'Occitane's new products will definitely tease you with their mouth-watering fragrance, but this is one temptation you can give in to without compromising your figure

DIET in a bottle. L'Occitane's Slimming Gel

**Text and photos by Ruth L. Navarra,**
*daughter of Rodolfo Solinap Navarra*

WORLD-RENOWNED French beauty brand L'Occitane gives you the privilege to indulge your senses with its Almond Line. The newest product is the Slimming Gel (P1,595), which can firm the skin and reshape the silhouette of the body.

Its ingredients of almond proteins and silicium help keep your skin firm and smooth, while the combination of three essential oils—Immortelle, Peppermint and Cymbopogon—stimulate the blood and lymphatic circulation.

The gel also contains caffeine, which stimulates lypolysis, a process whereby excess lipids are eliminated. Conversely, it also has *Uncaria Tometosa* to reduce lypogenesis, or the storage of new lipids.

Even though it comes in gel form, this slimming product is rapidly absorbed by the skin and leaves no greasy after-feel. Unlike other products, there is no waiting time for the application to dry, which means you can get dressed immediately after application.

Rustan's Cosmetics and Toiletries Division and L'Occitane brand manager Mirabelle Villanueva says about the Slimming Gel: "Your butt will thank you for it!"

Purchase the accompanying Skin Toning Massager (P495) and you're on your way to beating those saggy pouches in your arms, hips and stomach. The massager enhances the benefits of the Slimming Gel. It comes with a massage advisor pamphlet that provides a guide to different exercises you can do to help maximize the effects of the Slimming Gel.

The massager helps to evenly diffuse and activate the ingredients of the Slimming Gel within the epidermis, thus enhancing its benefits.

And since today is Father's Day, here's a little tip: The product is safe on all skin types, so you can also treat Dad to a day of massage right in the comfort of your own home. Hey, there's no written law saying that the man of the house won't appreciate a little pampering every now and then.

To complete the sensual experience, light an Almond Delight Candle (P1,245) before, during or after your massage. Its scent will remind you of all the sweet concoctions you've had as a child.

L'Occitane's Almond Line also includes Blossom Dew Fragrant and Invigorating, Shower Oil Cleansing and Softening, Milk Concentrate Firming and Smoothing, Delicious Soap Exfoliating and Fragrant, and Delicious Paste Exfoliating and Defining.

The Almond Line will definitely tease you with its mouth-watering fragrance, but this is one temptation you can give in to without compromising your figure.

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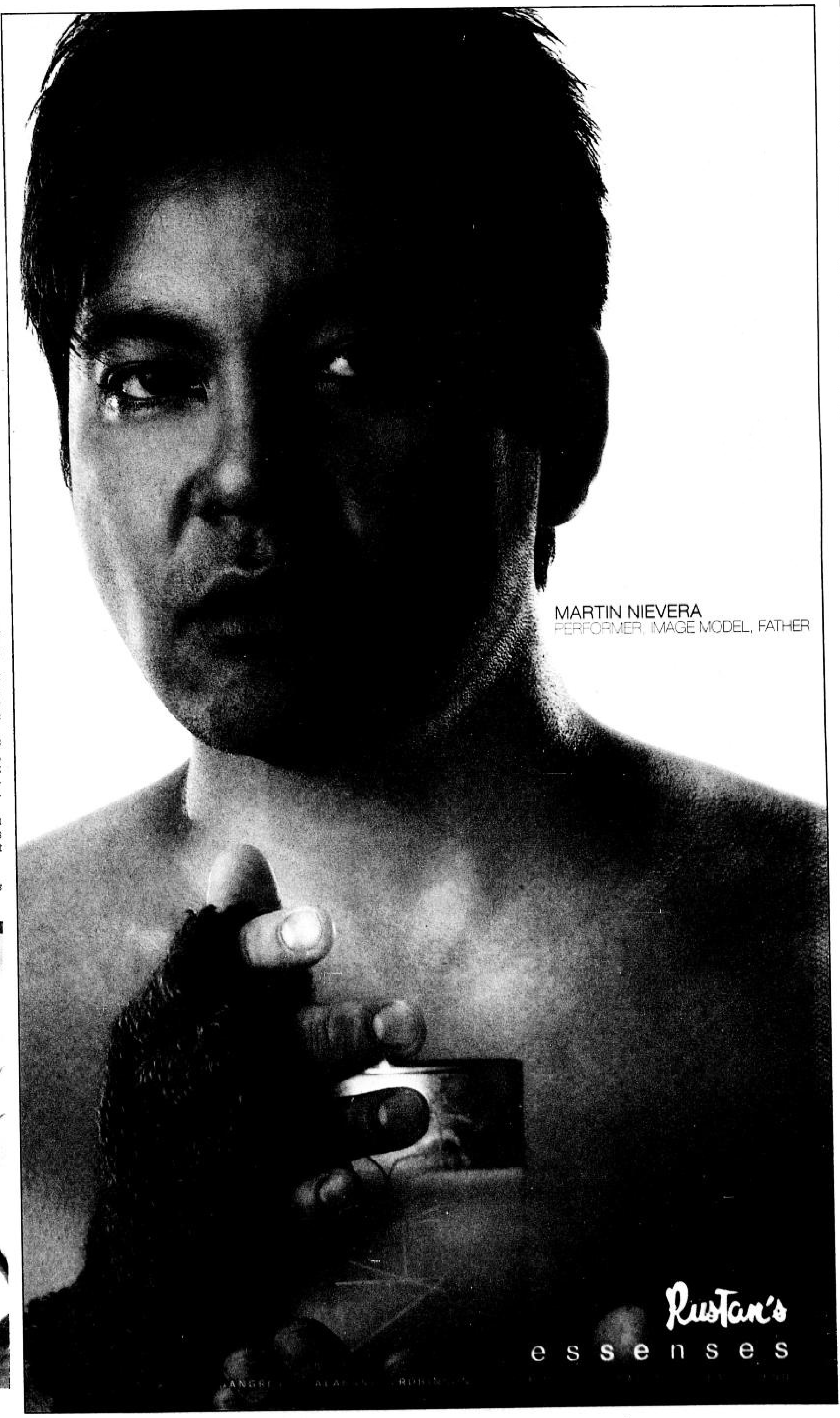
SKIN-TONING massager



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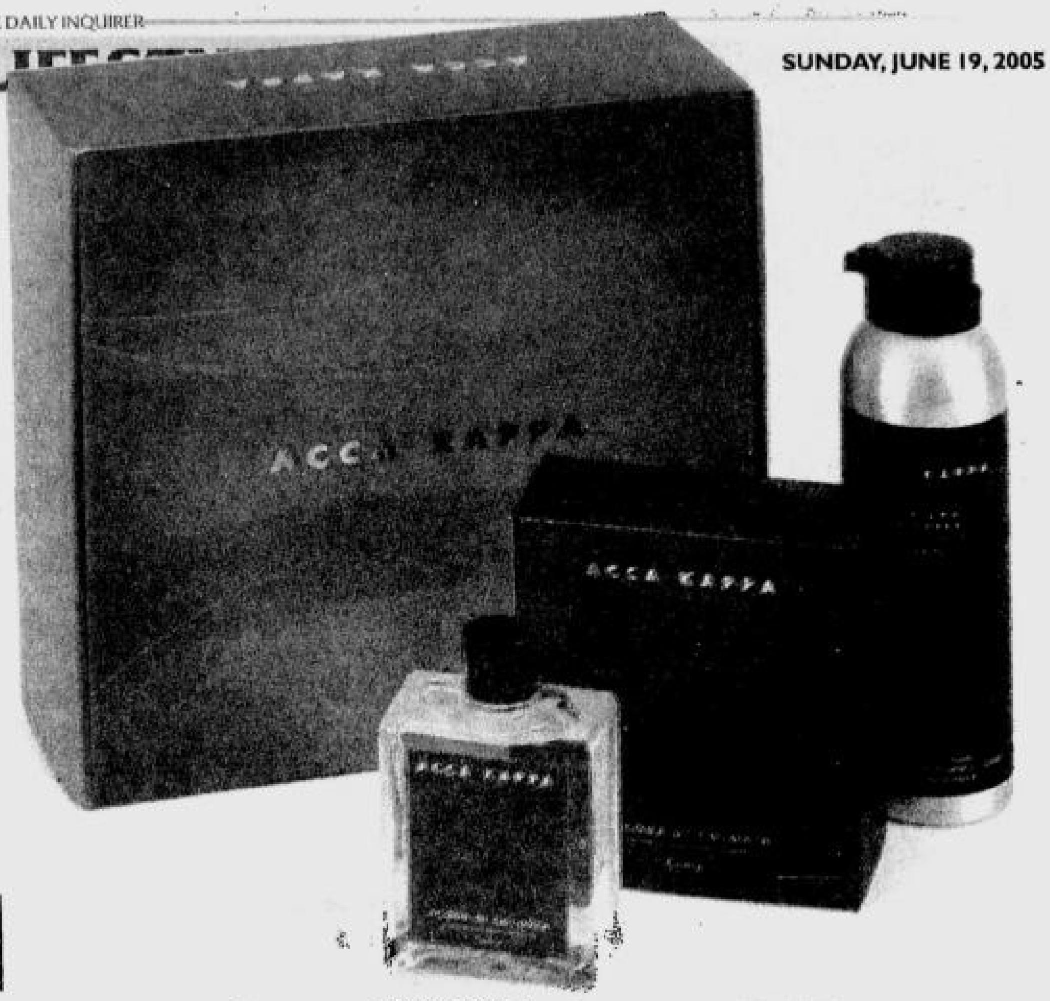

**CEDRO Gift Set**

# Home spa pampering for men

**By Gibbs Cadiz,**
*son of Jose Jayco Cadiz*

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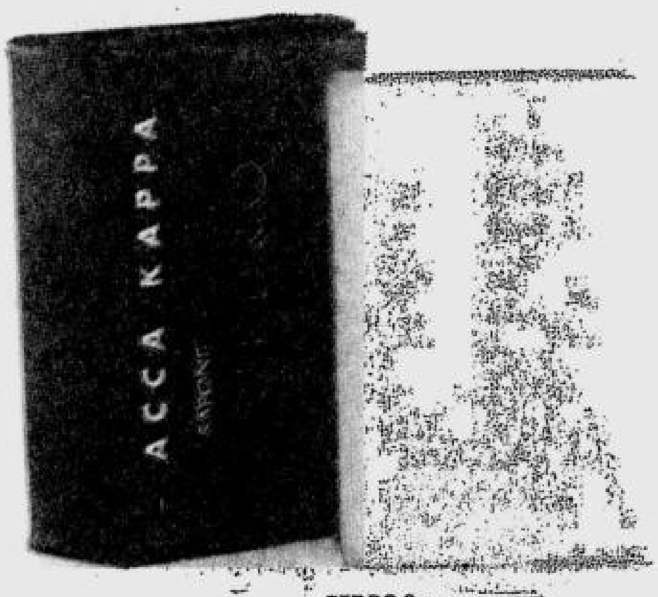

**CEDRO Soap**

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**CEDRO Cologne**

A HOME spa line for men? Not as far-fetched as people once thought, now that personal grooming and wellness have become an all-important component of urban survival among many males.

Acca Kappa, the 133-year-old Italian brand famous for its premium line of personal care products such as soaps, bath crystals and oils, grooming kits and shaving products, cologne and other fragrances, is evolving with this trend by coming up with a spa line specifically designed for men's needs.

Acca Kappa products use only the finest natural ingredients derived through an environmentally sound process. These exotic ingredients include honey, yeast and wheat germ, as well as plant extracts such as white mulberry, St. John's Wort and aloe. The resulting all-natural body care products are guaranteed to cleanse, soothe and pamper the body in the best possible way.

But for its latest spa line for men called the Cedro collection, Acca Kappa focused on tapping the benefits of cedarwood (*Juniperus Virginiana*), a stately, slow-growing species of fragrant wood whose oil, derived from the tree's bark, is noted for its astringent and antiseptic qualities.

Cedarwood oil is said to be among the first essential oils to be used by the ancient Egyptians in their mummification process. It was also an important component of their cosmetics and skincare ablutions.

Acca Kappa's Cedro collection makes use of cedarwood oil combined with other organic ingredients for a luxurious line of grooming products that include Cedar After Shave (100 ml, P945), Cedar Shave Foam (200 ml, P445), Cedar After Shave Emulsion (125 ml, P745), Cedar Shower Shampoo (10.4 oz, P495), Cedar Vegetable Soap (3.5 oz, P245) and Cedar Eau de Cologne (3.3 fl.oz, P1,450).

The After Shave Emulsion contains the natural extracts of ginseng and shea butter. It provides effective soothing and moisturizing action to prevent irritation and redness caused by shaving.

The Shampoo, on the other hand, is a dual-purpose product. As a shower gel, it imparts a pleasant and energetic sensation. As a shampoo, it is ideal for deep-cleansing while moisturizing the hair follicles. Delicate enough for everyday use, this product contains the active properties of natural fruits mixed with cedarwood extracts.

Cedarwood oil is also effective against scalp problems such as dandruff, alopecia and seborrhoea. The dry woody aroma is also an invigorating scent, clearing the mind and easing away nervous tensions.

For men who want their grooming essentials in a handy, convenient package, there's the Cedar Gift Set (P995), which contains in one gift box a shave foam, an after shave and a vegetable-based soap. Now they get the unique Acca Kappa natural spa experience anywhere they go.

*The Acca Kappa Cedro collection is available at Rustan's Essenses.*

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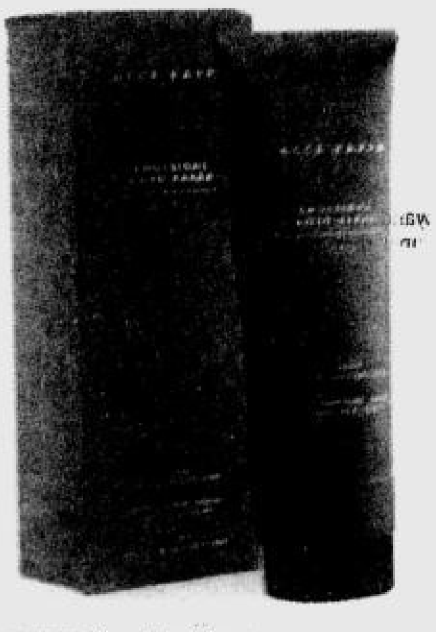
**CEDRO Shampoo**



**CEDRO Shave Emulsion**

# Five minutes to healthy skin

HOW LONG does it take an average Joe to groom and prep himself for the day ahead?

Even in the era of so-called metrosexuals, or those men who take their personal care rituals a tad more seriously than their no-fuss brethren, it's safe to say that men in general still prefer a quick and hassle-free bathroom routine—the faster, the better.

Dermalogica, a skincare system researched and developed by the International Dermal Institute based in Los Angeles, California, is not about to abandon these hardcore gentlemen by catering only to metrosexuals and their extensive grooming requirements.

The brand's latest innovation is a Skin Kit for Men that promises "Five Minutes=Healthy Skin." Within these five minutes, Dermalogica is offering a complete but low-maintenance daily personal-care routine in five easy steps, using five specially formulated products.

These products, by order of use, are the Special Cleansing Gel, Skin Prep Scrub, Professional Shave, Active Moist and Medicated Clearing Gel. All these products are contained in one handy box with easy-to-follow instructions detailed at the back.

The five-minute routine starts with the Special Cleansing Gel, an acid-balanced foaming concoction that cleans the face without irritation, leaving the skin feeling fresh and healthy. Most men wash their face with the same alkaline bar soap they use on their hands and body. This can strip away much-needed moisture and lead to flaky skin and other problems. The Special Cleansing Gel is soap-free, and is designed to thoroughly remove excess oil and impurities without drying the skin.

Up next is the Skin Prep Scrub, a skin-polishing exfoliant with natural grains (but no abrasive ingredients like apricot or other fruit seeds, pits or shells common to most scrubs) that removes dulling surface debris. The Scrub, to be used before shaving, employs gentle, naturally rounded corncob meal particles, which loosen dead skin cells and lift hairs away from the skin for a smooth, gentle shave.

After prepping the skin, it's time for the Professional Shave. Unlike conventional soapy or foamy aerosols, this ultra-smooth shaving product contains the essential oils of soothing botanicals and organic silicones to cushion the sweep of the shaving blade and prevent razor-burn. Only a few drops of this dense and aromatic product are needed for an amazingly close shave.

Most men think moisturizing isn't essential. But, in addition to helping keep the skin in tip-top shape every day by preventing the appearance of fine lines and dry skin, Dermalogica's Active Moist—a lightweight, oil-free moisturizer that is absorbed by the skin without a trace—is also a good evening treatment for the beard area, allowing for a really clean shave in the morning.

The last step in the routine involves the application of the Medicated Clearing Gel, a few drops of which, left overnight, can help clear existing acne blemishes and ingrown hairs, destroy skin bacteria and regulate oil production to prevent future breakouts.

Clean, scrub, shave, restore and treat. Five steps in five minutes, and guys are once again ready to face the world.

As Jane Wurwand, founder of Dermalogica, puts it, "Professional skincare is not about pampering or indulgence, [but about] solving and preventing problems. Men get the idea instantly when it's put to them in these terms."

*Gibbs Cadiz*

*Dermalogica is available at Rustan's Essenses.*

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**Skin Kit For Men**

# Bling for your lips

## Christian Dior takes shiny lips to a new level with Dior Addict Plastic Gloss

**DRAMA in one sweep. Dior Addict Plastic Gloss makes your lips shinier than ever.** PHOTOS: RODEL ROTONI

CHRISTIAN Dior has taken shiny glossy lips to a whole new level with Dior Addict Plastic Gloss.

And lip gloss connoisseurs from all over couldn't stop talking about it—even online.

"It lasts long, like lipstick, and the more you put on the more glossy it gets. It's great for those who love glossy shiny lips," one fan said.

"I'm in love! The consistency is not so much sticky as it is thick. I think it's because it's so highly pigmented. The colors are great!" another enthused.

"I'm another fan—Electrifying Red is such a gorgeous color," a makeup lover proclaimed.

There were a lot of other positive reviews.

"I love them, too. Edgy Rosewood is my fave, it's slightly more subtle than the other color choices, but they're all pretty unsubtle—in a good way! They stay on so well for a gloss and the colors look fantastic!"

"This is one hot lip gloss. I'm very very worried about my bank balance now."

### Formula

The secret is in the revolutionary formula behind Dior Addict Plastic Gloss—the Absolute Lacquer Complex, an innovative concentrate that contains botanically derived ester with powers of refraction and Magnifylip, polymers that amplify shine.

Thanks to its great cream-gel texture and elastic ingredients, Dior Addict Plastic Gloss glides onto your lips with one sweep of the wand. Enriched with fine oils, it coats lips in a super-thin moisture-rich film, creating a wet look, leaving lips exploding with color. Its lacquered finish and three-dimensional vinyl effect gives the illusion that the lips are dressed in a skintight latex sheath. It harnesses the energy of the light for an even more brilliant shine.

### Intense colors

Saturated with pigments, the rich and dense Dior Addict Plastic Gloss comes in brazenly intense colors for full coverage and flawless wear.

With 11 delectable shades to choose from, there's bound to be one (or three) that matches your taste and skin tone.

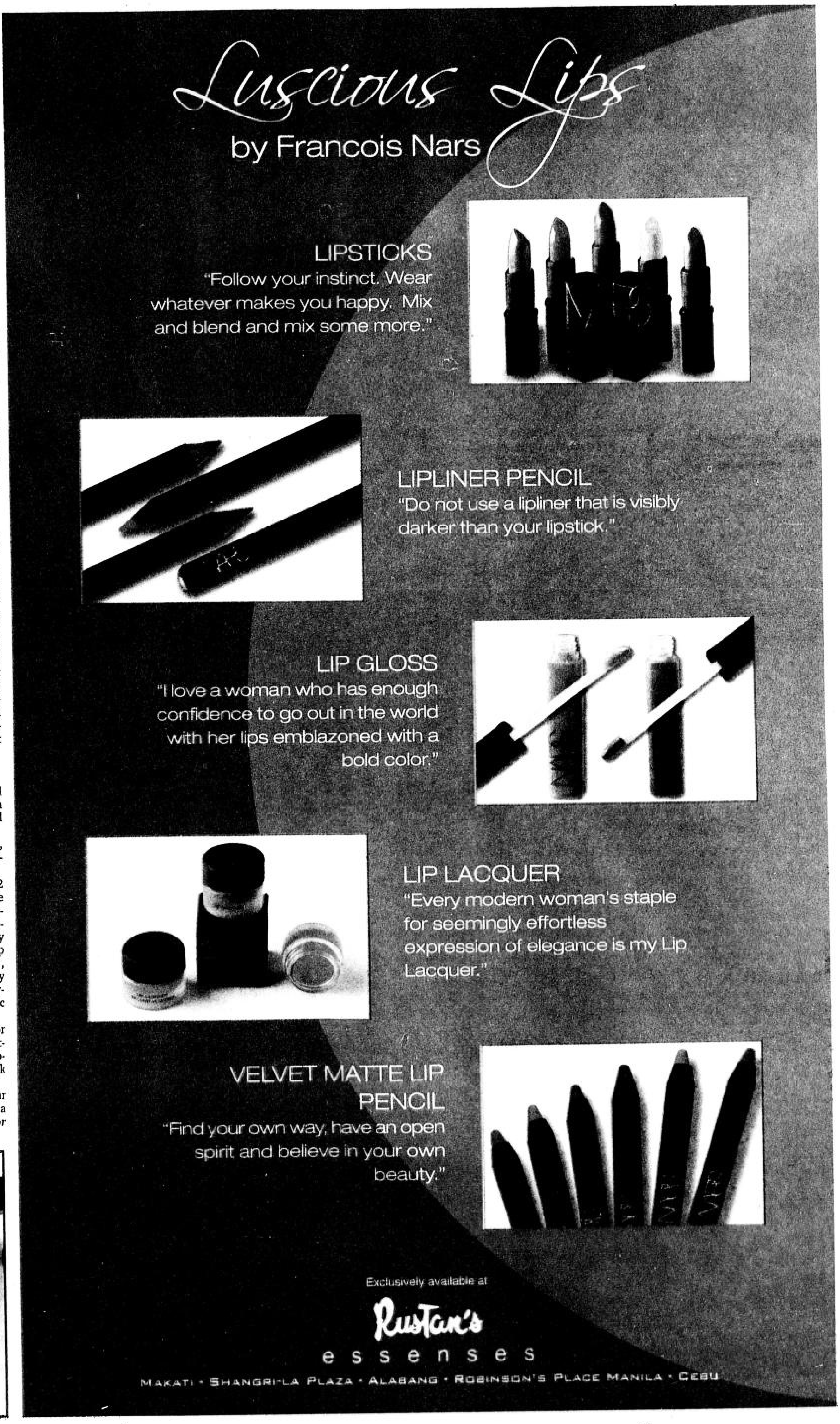
Pick your favorite—from Capricious Pink 2 ("a not-so-soft pink") to Maniac Beige ("beige with a hint of copper"), Insolent Peach ("a distinctly cheeky peach"), Ferocious Coral ("a vibrant coral"), "2" Pink ("truly, madly, deeply pink"), Euphoric Beige ("a pick-me-up beige"), Energetic Coral ("a dynamic coral"), Impulsive Rose ("a techno chic pink"), Edgy Rosewood ("a new-look old rose"), Electrifying Red ("a candy apple red") and Fantastic Fuchsia ("a fascinating fuchsia").

Proclaimed a femme fatale must-have, Dior Addict Plastic Gloss comes in an elegant bottle with a champagne-gold cap. Its foam applicator ensures easy application and quick touch-ups.

Now, adding drama and excitement to your beauty routine would only take a sweep of a wand.

*Pam Pastor*

**CHOOSE from eleven different shades.**



Luscious Lips
by Francois Nars

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"Follow your instinct. Wear whatever makes you happy. Mix and blend and mix some more."

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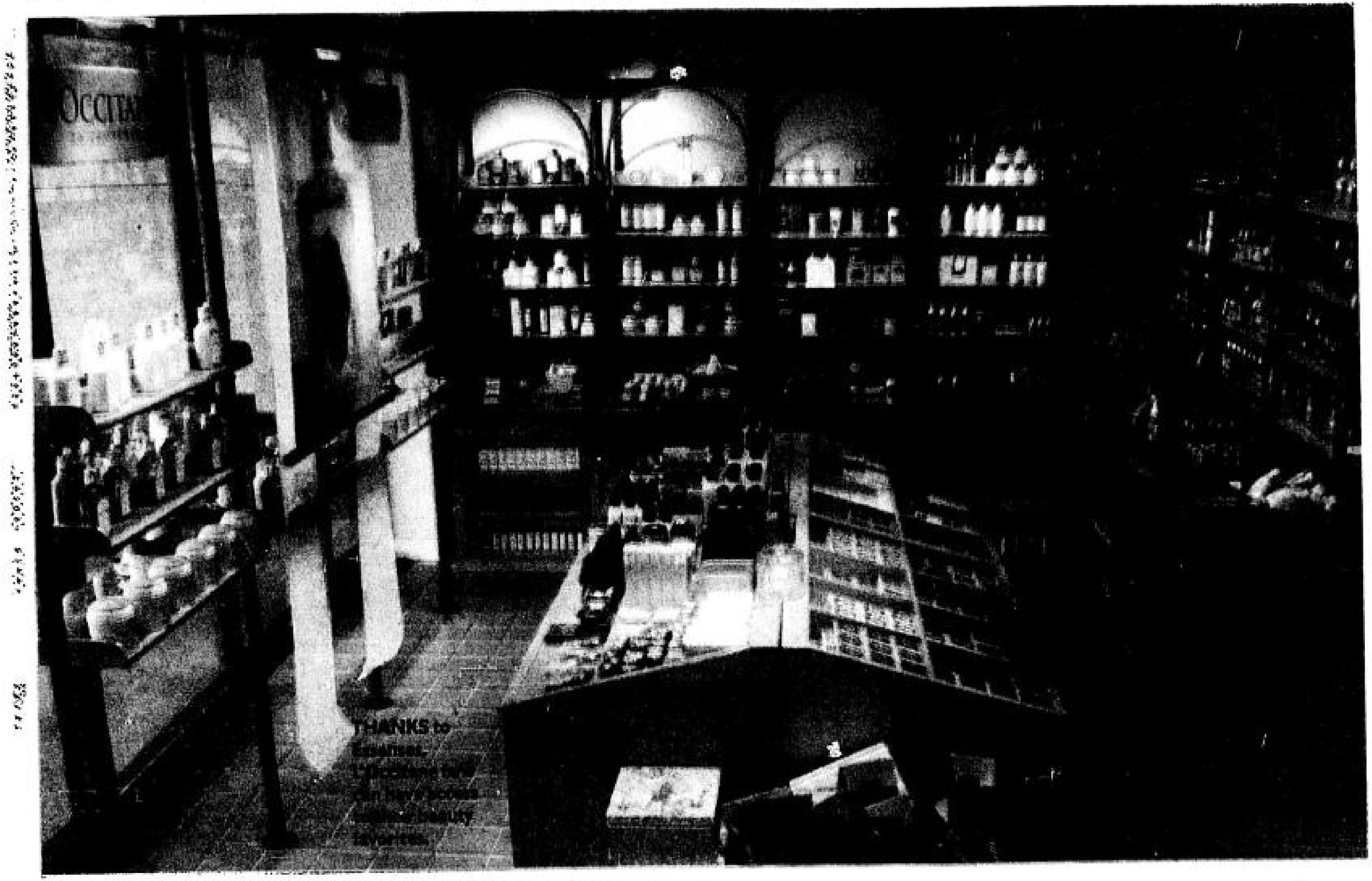

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Essenses' beauty editors work hard at bringing in the best beauty and personal care brands from around the globe

**COMFORT ZONE's** Hot Stone treatment is especially relaxing.

# Beauty and the best

**By Pam Pastor**

NO PRODUCT ends up in Essenses just because. There is always a story, a meaning, an adventure and history behind a brand's journey to their shelves.

Since it opened in 2000, the people behind Essenses have worked passionately to bring in the best beauty and personal care products from around the globe.

"We edit the best beauty finds from all over the world," said Rhoda Campos, VP for Cosmetics and Toiletries.

They take their jobs as "beauty editors" seriously, that's for sure. Choosing the brands and actually bringing them in takes a lot of work—from visiting cosmetic fairs in Paris, San Francisco, New York, Tokyo and Hong Kong, to tracking down the brands and negotiating with their companies. It takes time, a knack for knowing what people want, talent, patience and the occasional detective skills.

Their hard work has paid off. Today, Essenses has over 90 big brands in stock—each one of them rich in history, reputation and fan base. The brands continually change, which means there's always something new at Essenses.

"Our brand portfolio is strong. Essenses is constantly changing. We keep abreast with what people are exposed to. We evolve according to the needs of the consumers," Campos said.

Because of more awareness about beauty and personal care, consumers' needs just keeps getting longer. "In terms of needs and wants, Filipina taste is more sophisticated now. They are more well-read, they are wiling to try more products. The men are more sophisticated now, too. The market is really growing," Campos added.

Respect for customers is what drives Essenses to choose its brands with care. Customer satisfaction is the number one priority. The staff is regularly trained, and they know what they're selling. "We're here to support the healthy lifestyle you choose to live. What's important is that we make the customers feel good."

Evidently, Essenses' market appreciates what it is doing. We heard the tale of a woman whose friend asked her why she had to keep shopping in Essenses. "Because I am special," the woman said.

An afternoon spent at Essenses will leave you feeling the same way.

## Beauty and bath

Marvel at the many shades of Essie Nail Polish on display. Essie has a lot of famous fans, including Cindy Crawford, Debra Messing, Kristen Davis, Naomi Campbell, Salma Hayek and Jennifer Lopez. There are enough nail care products on Essenses' shelves to make any manicure and pedicure junkie happy. There's Barielle, another strong nail care brand; Orly, which is doing well in the US; and Mavala, which is considered "the Rolls-Royce of nail care."

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**APIVITA's** baby line and Propoline line are especially popular.

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**VACATION** in bottles. Comptior Sud Pacifique's exotic scents will take you places.

Walk over to the Korres area and find out why people are loving these natural products from Greece. A lot of people have raved about how Korres has aided them in their battle against hair loss.

Just beside Korres is Apivita, another lifestyle beauty line from Greece. Its baby care line is especially strong (Here's a tip—a lot of adults use the products, too!). The Apivita Metamorphosis line is particularly intriguing—there's the anti-cellulite body scrub, body serum, cream and oil that many claim have helped them deal with unsightly dimples.

Those who have dreams of becoming royalty can make a part of their dream come true by purchasing products from Bronnley, a London-based bath line that carries the Royal Warrants of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother and The Prince of Wales. Yes, they make soaps fit for queens. There's also Winds of Windsor, an international favorite.

## Various scents

Fragrance lovers would have a hard time choosing just one scent from Essenses' wide selection.

There's Acca Kappa, a brand Campos discovered in Le Sirenuse, a hotel in Italy. The hotel, which grabbed celluloid attention, when it was featured in the Marisa Tomei and Robert Downey Jr. movie "Only You," was using the brand in its amenities program.

Comptoir Sud Pacifique is another brand that's here to stay. Its fragrance line—exotic scents inspired by the idea of year-long holidays and escape—has made fans out of Nicole Kidman, Juliette Binoche and Britney Spears. No wonder it's also hot at Barney's and Bergdorf's.

Gendarme, another hot Barney's seller that can also be found in Essenses, produces hypoallergenic fragrances. Originally for men but also worn by women, Gendarme's high-profile fans include Dustin Hoffman, Janet Jackson, Bill Clinton, Sharon Stone and Tom Cruise.

Keiko Mecheri is a great discovery. This designer's light and delightful scents are popular in Los Angeles now. Leann Rimes, Pierce Brosnan, Susan Sarandon and Phil Collins couldn't agree more.

Clothing designer Christiane Celle also produces fragrances, soaps and candles, all of which are available at Essenses. Inno Sotto Mondo, Essenses' House Label, which includes a fragrance line and a leather goods line, continues to be popular and has already received international inquiries.

Other fragrance brands that are in-demand now are Clean (used by Jennifer Aniston, Courtney Cox Arquette, Kim Cattrall and Demi Moore) and Herbas De Ibiza.

## Makeup options

When it comes to makeup, Nars, Laura Mercier and Poudre T. Le Clerc are the big players. Nars, which is loved by Uma Thurman, Kylie Minogue, Hillary Duff, Naomi Watts and Rose McGowan, provides a colorful palette for women who like mixing and matching their shades. Laura Mercier, whose makeup's yellow pigment makes it great for Asian skin, is adored by Sarah Jessica Parker, Liv Tyler, Cameron Diaz, Celine Dion and Julia Roberts.

Fasio, a Japanese makeup brand, is another strong seller in Essenses. Also popular in Thailand, this brand boasts of giving you great value for your money.

People who want to really take care of the skin have a lot of options to choose from. There's Murad (loved by Brooke Shields, Calista Flockhart and Christine Applegate), Dermalogica, Comfort Zone and Mario Badescu (many swear its drying lotion can totally dry out pimples.)

People continue to stock up on Lee Stafford, Phyto and Hair Gum for haircare needs. Other popular personal care lines include Perlier, Badger and L'Occitane (Fans include Antonio Banderas, Anna Kournikova, Leonardo di Caprio, Sandra Bullock).

**KORRES,** a Greek brand, is a leading name in all-natural skincare.

**ENJOY** heavenly manicure and pedicure treatments at Essenses' Nail Bar.

## Ultimate pampering

Shopping and enjoying the ambience aren't the only things one can do in Essenses. There's the Tea Bar for healthy but filling treats, there's the Nail Bar for relaxing manicures, pedicures, and hand and foot massages, and a spa offering facials, body massages and Comfort Zone's hot stone therapy.

"Essenses is a Mecca for the real beauty connoisseur," said Campos. "This is the place to go. It's a hangout for people who want to look and feel good. It's the ultimate in pampering and relaxation."

Essenses, a retail spin-off of the Rustan's Group of Companies, has branches in Ayala Center Makati, Shangri-La Plaza Mall, Robinsons Place Manila, Ayala Center Cebu, Alabang Town Center and Gateway in Cubao.

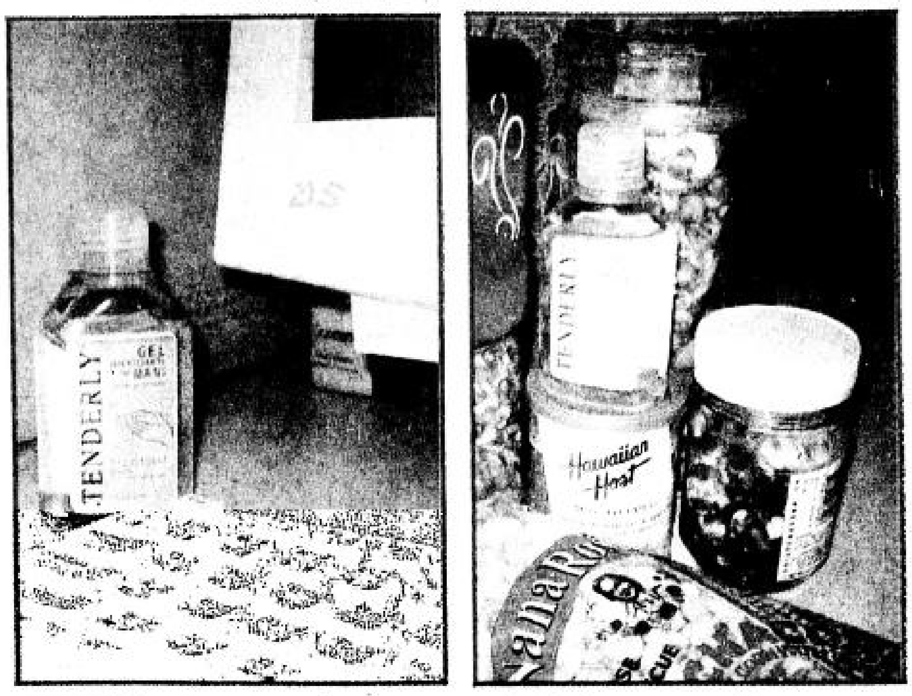
*All products are available at Rustans Essenses.*

**NARS** provides a colorful palette for the makeup artist in you.

**POUDRE T. CLERC** is one of Essenses' powerhouse makeup brands.

**BREAKOUT?** Let Mario Badescu's Drying Lotion come to the rescue.

# Tender care for your hands



**TENDERLY** Hand Sanitizer makes perfect company inside the car, your workplace or at home.

**By Allison W. Lopez,**
*daughter of Miguel C. Lopez Jr.*

IT'S THAT part of your body that touches anything and everything, from your favorite daily newspaper (ahem) to those golf clubs, from the computer keyboard to your cell phone, then on to your crispy *chicharon merienda* and probably your menthols...

You get the drift. The hands do a lot of touching indeed, and it's only right that they should be kept as clean as possible.

But just because you don't see a trace of dirt on your palms doesn't mean they're clean. The only way you can really be sure is to use a sanitizer that's guaranteed to get rid of germs.

Tenderly Hand Sanitizer is the newest product to hit the local market. At P145 for a 125-ml bottle, it's the priciest of the lot, most of which cost less than P50 for a 100-ml bottle.

But this must be because it's from Italy's Elberel, one of the leading brands in personal care and hygiene in Europe.

Elberel's sanitizer promises to remove 99.99 percent of germs with only a small amount applied on your palms. It's actually quite versatile, since the product can also be used to sterilize your workplace, remove stains on your shirt, wipe the toilet seat or probably even freshen up your feet after a tiring badminton game.

But why bother buying the imported, expensive sanitizer that has only one scent?

"Its viscosity [thickness] remains the same even after months of using it," says Pinky Jacob, business development manager for bodycare of the Rustan's cosmetics and toiletries division. "In some brands, you'd notice that the texture becomes watery after a while. This means the cleansing properties, such as alcohol, have evaporated. So what's the use?"

A bottle of Tenderly gel, on the other hand, is usable to the last drop.

Too much sanitizing, however, may also present a setback. Who wants dry, rough hands from too much alcohol?

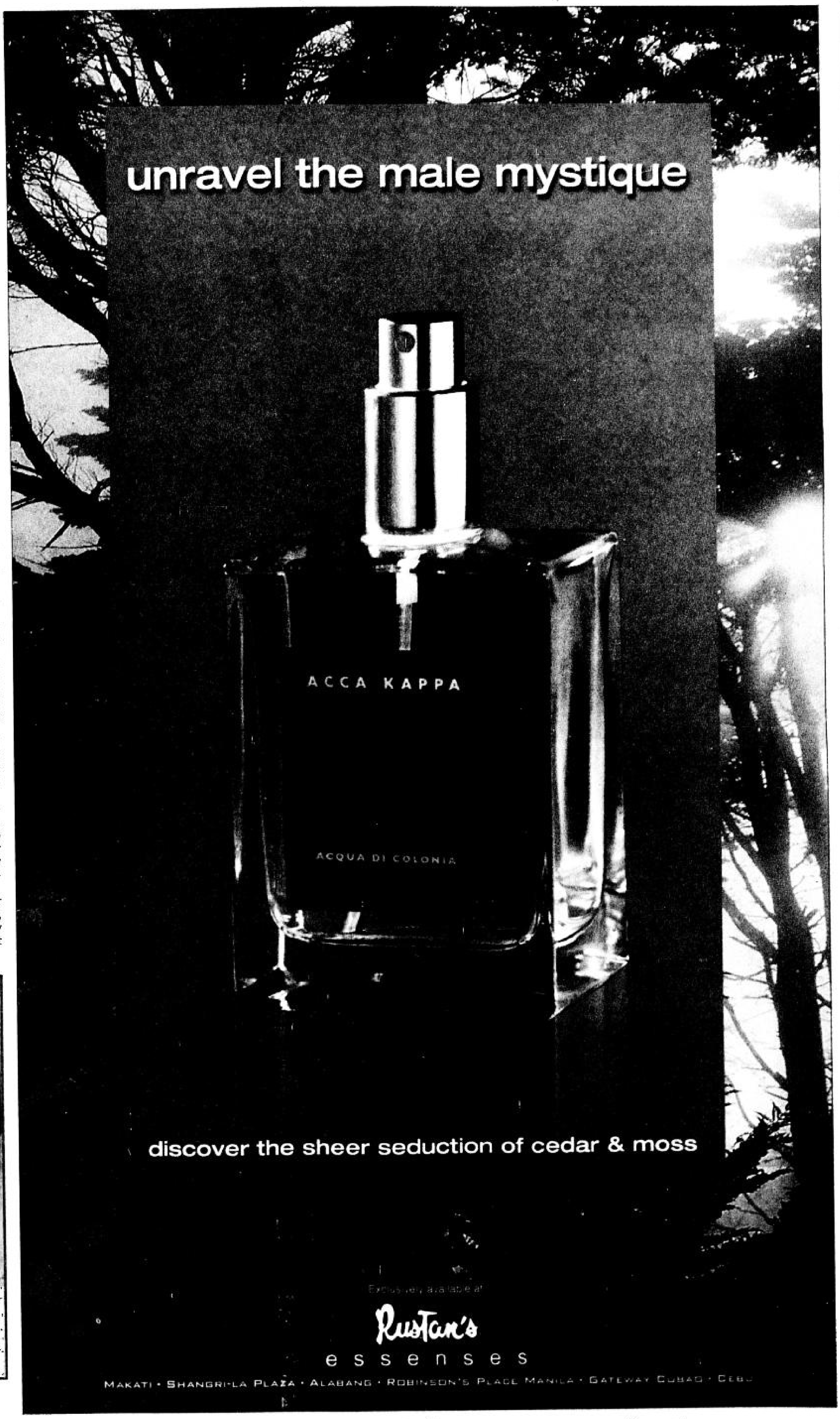
Tenderly Sanitizer isn't named as such just for kicks. It contains natural extracts and essential oils such as lemon, petit grain (from orange flowers), rosemary, sage, patchouli and *noix muscade*, which leave the skin soft and moisturized.

These ingredients make the hands smell fresh, too, because they cover and eliminate the whiff of alcohol, unlike other brands. This is just perfect for smokers whose hands smell strongly of cigarettes after taking a puff.

For now, Tenderly Sanitizer is available only at Essenses outlets and a few supermarkets. But Jacob, who is part of Rustan's business to business group, says the sanitizer and other Elberel products will soon be seen in nearby supermarkets, department stores and drugstores.

The product had a soft launch in November last year, but to officially launch the sanitizer, a promo is being held starting today. Just buy a bottle of Tenderly Hand Sanitizer and get another bottle for free.

**MAKE** sure your hands are clean before munching on that super meal.



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# Easy regimen for de-stressing skin

By Belle V. Bondoc

**DR. HOWARD** Murad believes one can scrub acne away with the right information and proper care.

SCIENTIFIC studies reveal that stress is a major cause of acne.

A paper authored by Dr. Howard Murad, founder of Murad Inc., cites a study conducted by researchers at the Department of Dermatology, Stanford University School of Medicine, that aimed to evaluate the changes in acne severity among students who were under pressure during examination and non-examination days.

Study volunteers consisting of 22 students with varying degrees of acne were evaluated by a dermatologist and had their acne examined for severity a month before the examination period and after they took the exam. To further confirm the evaluation, a separate investigator verified the acne rating through photographs of the students.

The results showed that people with acne experienced more breakouts during their examination period. Changes in acne severity correlated highly with the increase in the level of stress.

According to Murad, there are many types of skin acne, the most common one being the mimic acne which includes *keratosis pillaris*, eczema and peri-oral dermatitis. These appear as red, inflamed bumps on the skin that need to be treated with a non-irritating product.

Some people try to treat the inflamed area with benzoyl peroxide (which acts as an antibacterial and exfoliant). But Murad says this harsh approach simultaneously dehydrates, inflames and irritates the skin, leading to more serious problems.

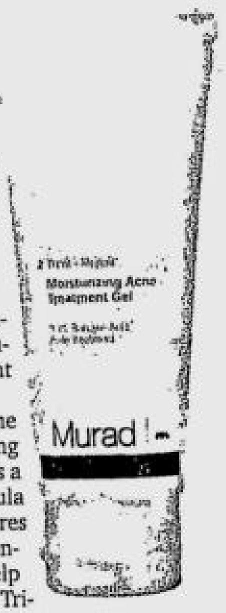
Treating acne is not that simple. However, Murad believes that one can scrub acne away with the right information and proper care.

"Education is important," says Murad. "Acne and similar conditions need to be treated systematically, but first, you should know the cause. Leaving it alone or drying it up will not make it go away. Acne blemishes can leave scars on the skin, so I've created products to prevent such damage."

## The regimen

Murad presents four basic steps he calls the Murad Acne Regimen to fight off acne:

Step 1: Cleanse and tone using the Clarifying Cleanser. The product has a maximum-strength formula that deep-cleanses pores and purifies skin. It contains salicylic acid to help control breakouts, and Triclosan to act as a powerful antibacterial. Chamomile is also used as a gentle exfoliant to soothe and calm irritated skin.



Step 2: Treat using Exfoliating Acne Treatment Gel. This controls and prevents breakouts to keep skin clear. The gel contains retinol and glycolic acid, which helps exfoliate excess skin cell buildup and eliminate clogged pores. A patented hydrogen peroxide delivery system reduces the presence of skin bacteria and purifies skin without drying, while Licorice extract and Aloe Vera reduce redness and inflammation. The gel's patented formula has been clinically proven to reduce blemishes by 40 percent in just four weeks.

Step 3: Repair using Acne Spot Treatment. This fast-acting formula clears up blemishes and reduces the redness of the affected spots. It contains sulfur to control and prevent breakouts, salicylic acid to aid the healing process, and zinc oxide and licorice extract to relieve inflammation.

Step 4: Hydrate and Protect using Skin Perfecting Lotion. Oil-free hydrator refines and softens skin texture. Retinol and meadowsweet extract clean pores to keep them clear; Arnica extract calms skin; and algae extract helps control oil and shine.

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**BAMBI** and Michelle Meer

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MANY of the wonderful things in life come in pairs and Shopwise adds two more to that number with back-to-back openings of their Antipolo branch (on June 24) and the Harrison Plaza Manila store (on Sept. 18). So follow Shopwise's lead and make your shopping experience twice as nice. It makes perfect sense to bring along a sibling, spouse, sweetheart, parent or child to double the pleasure of shopping.

Jennifer Tiongco and Patricia Coseip are sisters and housewives who regularly visit either the hypermarket's Cubao or Libis branches and who have discovered the advantages of shopping at Shopwise and doing it together. "It's our way of seeing each other, since we're both married [now]," says Jennifer. They also love that Shopwise provides them with everything they need or want to buy.

Patricia takes the time to choose from among a wide range of local and imported toiletry brands while Jennifer praises Shopwise's Fresh section, which she says offer hard-to-find items such as her vegetarian husband's favorite veggie tuna hotdog.

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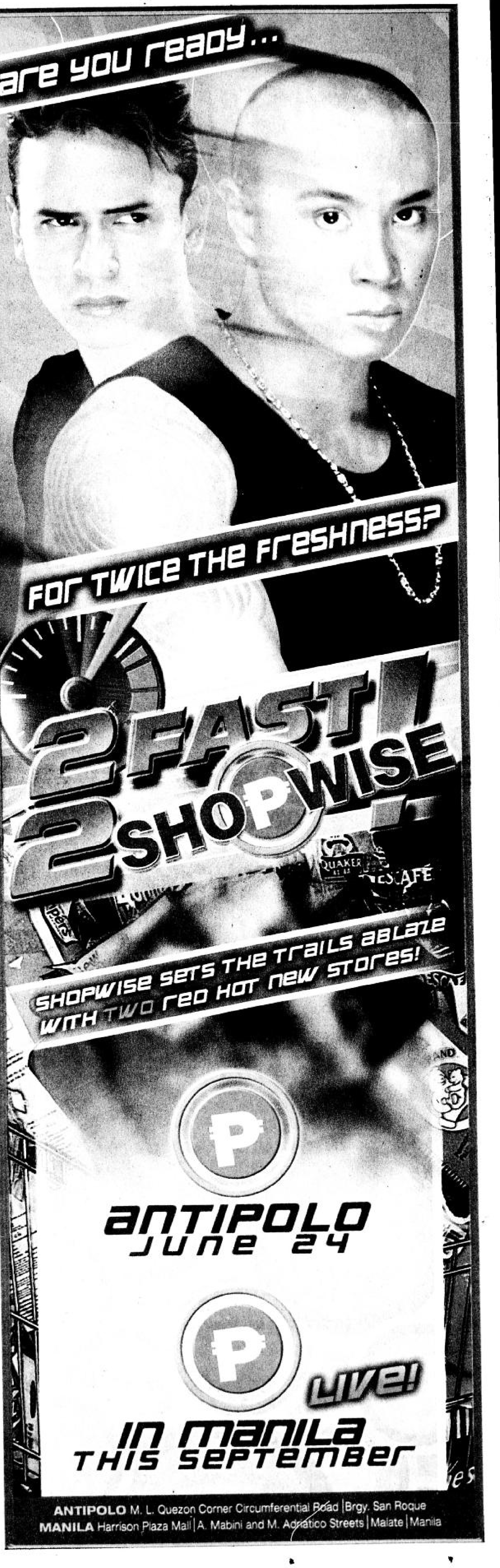
**JENNIFER** Tiongco and Patricia Coseip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which isn't available anywhere else. Well-stocked shelves, a multitude of choices and less parking problems makes Shopwise the perfect place for Jennifer and Patricia to meet, catch-up and of course, shop. "Everything is here so we don't have to go anywhere else to shop for what we need, it's really a one-stop shop."

Restaurateur Bambi Meer and his wife Michelle have being going to Shopwise in Alabang since it opened almost seven years ago. The couple, both Elite cardholders, often shops together for groceries, kitchenware and household products. They rave particularly about the Fresh section whose selection includes the freshest produce that can be had at very reasonable prices. Bambi is especially impressed with an added service that gets rid of the difficult task of gutting and cleaning the fish they buy, "It's great that they can clean the fish for you. You can tell them how you want it done and just come back for it."

Their Elite membership also lets them enjoy the convenience of having their own lane, not having to line up to pay for their purchases plus the opportunity to redeem their card points for Shopwise gift certificates. Michelle even goes to the extent of asserting how significant the place has become for her, "Shopwise is really important to me, I'm there all the time."

Shopping has, in fact, become a much-anticipated event for the rest of the family. "We usually bring the kids along as well. It's usually a family affair. They [the kids] like it, it's their treat to go out of the house and go to Shopwise."

Mother-daughter tandem Pinky and Mica Yang like baking, cooking and spending their weekends shopping together for ingredients at Shopwise. Being an Elite card member, Pinky has been taking Mica to Shopwise's Alabang outlet for three and a half years now. Pinky absolutely adores the Home section and indulges herself with purchases for her kitchen, bathroom and bedroom while Mica loads up on cereal, junk food, chocolate and ice cream. Pinky points out that they even buy socks and undergarments there. "I always find that I'm able to buy a lot of things [here] at the right price. Value for money, it's a total store."

Musician Cowboy Santos and his girlfriend, businesswoman, Nannette de Leon has been shopping at the Shopwise Alabang branch since it's opening seven years before and have always looked forward to getting their favorite items there. For Nannette it's Gatorade Powder, California Orange Juice, Tropicaná, wine and chocolates; for Cowboy it's the harvester brown rice, which he says only Shopwise carries.

They shop together about once every two weeks and Nannette says she is able to get everything she needs, "I buy everything here. From my toiletries down to my dog treats." Cowboy favors the kitchen items available because he likes to cook, "It's complete, they have Luminarc here and I like the candles and decor they sell." Being a vegetarian, he also praises the Hypermarket's produce section, "It's fresh and there's a lot to choose from, even the dairy section is very good as well."

Two heads are always better than one, so give in to the urge to mingle, as these four featured pairs have been doing, and turn a solitary expedition into an activity for two. Enjoy the company of a pal, partner or better half and get twice the fun, freshness and value at whatever Shopwise branch you visit.

Shopwise is at G/F, Festival Supermall in Alabang; corner of Pasong Tamo and Vito Cruz Streets, Makati; along E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Bagumbayan, Libis; and corner of General Aguinaldo and McArthur Avenues in Araneta Center, Cubao, Quezon City.

PINKY and Mica Yang

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FATHER'S DAY SUPPLEMENT

# 'Our kind-hearted, selfless father'

By Marlet D. Salazar

CHICKEN curry. He always cooked chicken curry," Stephie quickly replied when asked what her father's favorite food was.

Kathy, 22, Jonathan, 19, Christopher, 15, and Stephanie, 13, fondly remember their dad—the late Urban Bank president Ted Borlongan—as a kind-hearted, hands-on, and selfless parent. Ted passed

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## Celebrate Father's Day the Nippon Japanese Restaurant way

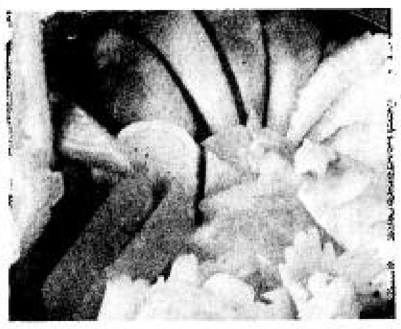
THE RESTAURANT specializes on great tasting Japanese cuisine offering customers with a great experience of the true meaning of quality food, service and ambiance at very affordable prices.

Antonia Ong, restaurant manager of Nippon Japanese Restaurant recommends Chirashi Sushi (sushi rice mixed with Sashimi on top) Kisu Amiyaki (grilled asohos with amiyaki sauce) and Kusi Yaki (mixed grilled seafood and meat).

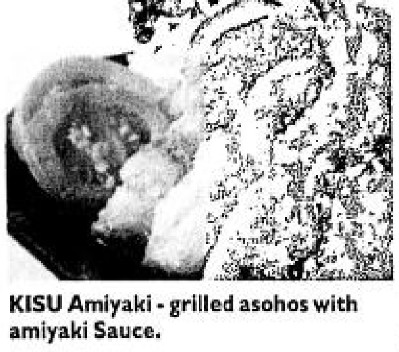
These great dishes will be complimented by Chahan, or Japanese fried rice. Wash down everything with their guyabano shake, made sweet and thick and served in a glass laced with salt ala Margarita or by trying Nippon's incredible house tea, mogicha, which is an infusion of five kinds of grains which is good for the mind, body and soul.

So what are you waiting for? Surprise dad this father's day by contacting Nippon Japanese Restaurant at 927-0649 to book your Japanese father's day adventure with your loved ones!

Nippon Japanese Restaurant is open daily (Monday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 6 to 11 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 5:30 to 10:30 p.m.), and is located at 2/F Forum Bldg, T. Morato cor. Sct. Limbaga St., Quezon City.

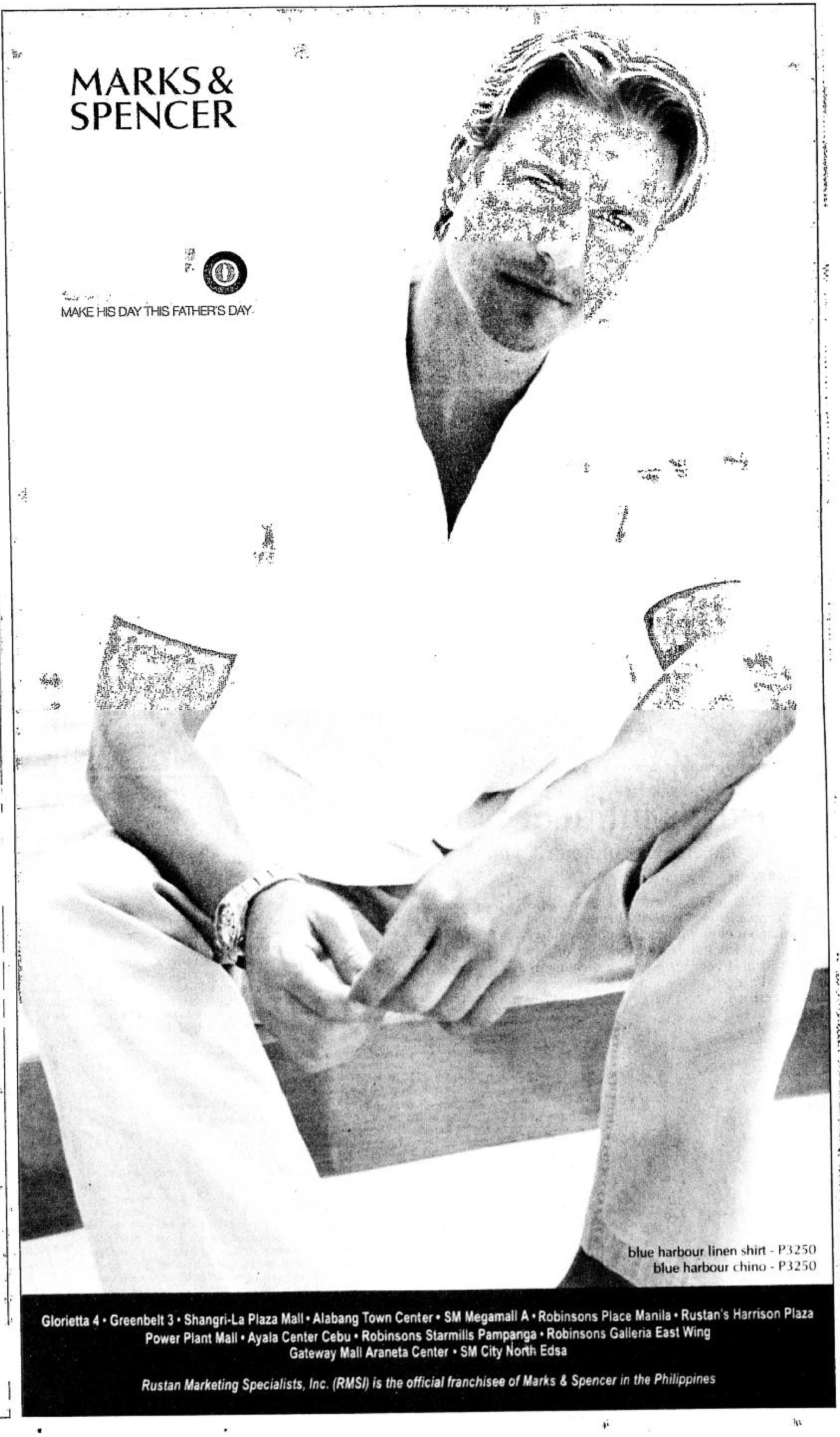


**CHIRASHI** Sushi - Sushi rice with mix Sashimi on top.



**KISU** Amiyaki - grilled asohos with amiyaki Sauce.

**KUSI** Yaki - mix grilled seafood and meat.



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# 'Our kind-hearted, selfless father'

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away on April 11 a few days before he would have turned 50 years old.

The living room of the Borlongans, in the home that Ted built for his family, is adorned by photos of happy times, accented by his portrait. The somber mood is broken once in a while by the oblivious Wilson, the family dog.

According to Jon, their father was just like any other dad who only wanted the best for his kids. Ted made sure they went to the best schools and got the best education. He was an Atenean, which followed that the rest would also go to Ateneo.

An achiever himself, Ted started his banking career with Rizal Commercial Banking Corp as treasury analyst after graduating cum laude from Ateneo de Manila University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics Honors Program. At the age of 25, he headed the Foreign Exchange Department of Treasury. In 1981, he transferred to Urban Bank.

### 'Father-son understanding'

Jon had the chance to get even closer to his father months before he died. Ted stayed in the house most of the time and Jon, a Political Science student, used to hang out with him just like they were bosom buddies.

"We had that understanding of a father and son," Jon said. "I didn't keep secrets from him, he knew where I'd go, and he understood."

Few words came out of Stephie's lips, but every time she answered, it was always with certainty.

The last gift that her dad gave her was a bear key chain. "I was wondering why he would give me something when there was no special occasion," Stephie said.

Ted often asked her youngest daughter to accompany him in some errands, but she would always find an excuse not to go. As a teenager, she often sought the company of her peers.

One time, however, Stephie felt it wouldn't hurt to come along with her dad. "We went to the grocery," she said. "Just the two of us." On their way home, Stephie remembered her dad singing, which he didn't normally do.

Kathy described her dad as an adventurer. When her dad once thought of trying skydiving, "I threw away all of the contact details he noted down in what I thought was an effort to save his life," she said, "He was already well into his 40s with a big beer belly."

### Official cook

Stephie said their dad loved to cook. His specialty was chicken curry, which was also his favorite food.

Jon remembers that during the last few months, his dad would cook breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Ted would wake up early in the morning to prepare the kids' packed lunch.

Jon considers their mini barbecue party in the garden as one of the most memorable moments of the family.

"We would set up the barbecue grill outside with matching spotlight," he said. "It was one of those fun moments the family shared."

Ted had strict rules that eating out and ordering food deliveries would only be done once a week. It was his way of teaching the kids the value of saving and not spending on what was not necessary.

On the day before his death, Ted brought the three kids and wife Dolly to a popular restaurant and watched a movie afterwards. Jon said everyone felt surprised but happy "because we were (somehow) complete. Nobody asked to be left at home."

Ted valued education. He always found time to tutor the kids, and reminded younger son Chris to improve his study habits.

"There were times when we were watching TV or doing something else, he would just remind me that I should study harder," Chris said.

Kathy, though, went to study abroad against her parents' wishes. Kathy supported herself there and hadn't asked for assistance from her parents up to now.

What Ted had become, he wanted his children to be better, even in small things. Jon said his father was a courteous person, and he wanted them to do just that even at home.

The boys usually got into trouble, and it was nothing new to Ted. Jon recalls that his dad would ask if what was told to him by school authorities were true or not.

"He wanted to know the truth from us," Jon said.

According to their mother, Dolly, Ted would bring the kids to out-of-town trips as a way of bonding with them.

### Family day

The children recall that their father had a strict rule that Sunday would be a family day. Because the whole family was busy during weekdays, it was important that everyone devoted their time together on weekends.

"If there were stuff to buy, we did that in the morning," Jon said. "The rest of the afternoon we just lazed around the house doing our thing."

At 5 p.m. the Borlongans would hear Mass at the Christ the King Church, and would then have dinner out.

Stephie cannot forget one of their visits to Disneyland, when her dad forced her two brothers to join them in a kiddie ride because she wanted to.

While Kathy recalls that before they bought the family plot in Greenmeadows, "He told me that he was looking for one with a big tree in it so that he could build me my very own tree house for my birthday."

Jon describes his father as a selfless man who, in everything that he did, would always put the interest of others first, especially that of his family. "Whatever he did, he made sure that he had us in mind."

The kids are resolved to fulfill one of Ted's dreams for them: to do well and finish school. It may be a painful way to come to that realization and understand his ways of pushing them to good education; but Kathy, Jon, Chris, and Stephie will do just that not only for dad, but also for their mother, who is now the source of their strength.

*On the day my father passed away, I checked my phone, like what I always do when I get up. I received a text message from my Dad at 12:10 p.m. Daddy, texting me? You can't imagine how rare that happens. My heart stopped for two seconds. I couldn't understand the message at first-or maybe I just didn't want to. I wasn't too sure about what he was trying to say but a painful part of me told me that it was goodbye. I woke up my brother, Chris, and asked him if he got the same text message. And true enough, he did.*

*"Kathy, Jon, Chris, Stephie. Be good always. Study & work hard. Know that I love you."*

*I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw my father, dead in the driver seat. First thing I thought was, "What's going to happen now that Daddy's gone?" It was beyond all the horrible things that I had ever imagined - the kind of thing that only the darkest nightmares are made of. But it wasn't a nightmare. This was April 11, 2005, the worst day of my life.*

*My Dad and I never really had father-daughter outings, and I can claim all responsibility for that. He would always ask me to go with him to the grocery, to the mechanic, or to all sorts of uninteresting places. I would usually find an excuse to say no, from studying for nonexistent exams to fake headaches. It's one of the things that I regret having done most in the 13 years of my life. Daddy once asked me, "What happens if I'm gone already?" I couldn't answer him then.*

*And to be quite honest, I still can't.*

*Today is Father's Day, and, regardless of how other people might look at it, I do have a father that I can celebrate it with. Because of the kind of sacrifice that has immortalized him, I always will. I am proud to say that I have a father and that he is the most courageous man that I am likely to meet in this life.*

*I know that Dad's still there watching over me. He's more present*
*now than he ever was. And I take him with me everywhere*
*...to the grocery, to the mechanic and to all sorts of*
*uninteresting places.*

*I'll always remember him as a loving, courageous, honest*
*and determined father.*

*Happy Father's Day, Daddy. I love you....*

*--Stephie*

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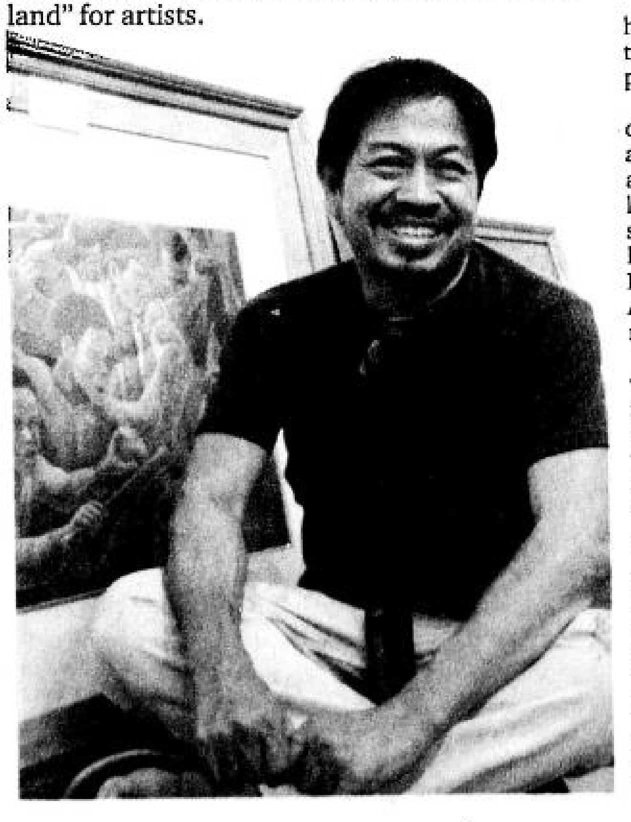
# An artist's influence on his children

## Angono artist Nemiranda is a father of five children who took after him

**By Raquel P. Gomez**

ANGONO artist Nemiranda, known as the "People Power" artist for having done a number of murals and paintings depicting the Edsa Revolution, says the town of Angono in Rizal is both birthplace and cradle of artists. To be more precise, Angono is a "fatherland" for artists.



His description of the town can hardly be contested. The country's national artist Carlos "Botong" Francisco, who influenced a generation of artists, came from Angono. Today, artists and art galleries populate and dot the town.

Angono is also known as the hometown of Jose Blanco, the patriarch of an entire family of painters.

On his part, Nemiranda now owns up to being a "father of artists", too. All of his five children are artists whose works are currently part of "Sining Pinoy...Sa Isip, Puso at Diwa", an exhibit of a rare collection of art pieces and paintings by Nemiranda and selected artists from Angono Art Circle at the Development Bank of the Philippines.

Nemiranda's children grew up watching their father work. Painting and getting involved in art activities came natural to the children who began drawing and painting at an early age. They attended art workshops and participated in art contests.

Zarah Jane Miranda, 26, has a degree in Mass Communication, but she paints flowers a lot. She says she doesn't have any formal education in painting, unlike her other siblings who pursued Fine Arts degrees. To improve her craft, she depends on her father's criticisms.

As a young girl, she was encouraged by her father to join an on-the-spot painting contest, and that started her inclination to painting.

"When we were still kids, my father would give us subjects to draw or paint. I was given still life subjects, my brother fishes, the others figures of people. I really concentrated on still life, *mas nagustuhan ko siya.*"

Zarah says she's sometimes bothered by her father's criticism. "He's usually at your back and I am unaware. His eyes start to narrow and I know he'd give out a comment," she says. "But I do learn a lot from his comments."

Zarah has two kids, her eldest, who is 7 years old, is into painting, too.

Don Nemesio III, 20, started painting at the age of 5. He'd always watch his other siblings and his father work.

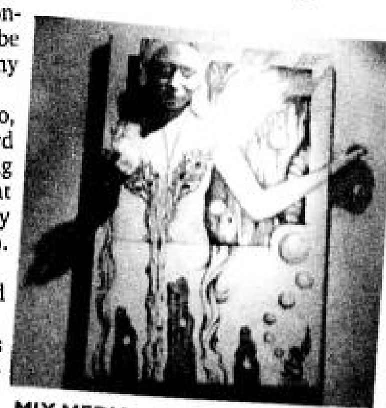
"Angono is a center for the arts and that influenced me, too, to go into the arts aside from my father."

He describes his style as "modern" versus his father's "classic" style.

Katrina Miranda, 29, the eldest, took up Fine Arts in UP. She has been painting for 15 years. She was a member of the Angono Young Artists Atelier.

She describes her style as totally unrelated to that of her father's. "I started painting figures, like my father. But when I went to college, I shifted to another style. I take photos of underwater scenes and I make them as studies for my paintings."

"My father would always tell us to pursue the style we were comfortable with. He'd tell us that we should perfect that style because we would be known by our works and not because we are the children of Nemiranda. I personally like to be known for my work."



**MIX MEDIA** work by Don Nemesio III titled 'Nature Goddess'

Paul Greco, 25, is the third child taking up Fine Arts at the University of Sto. Tomas.

He started painting when he was in the elementary level. By joining on-the-spot painting contests, he says he was transformed to pursue painting as a career.

Most of the time, he helps his father with mural projects, painting some initial parts under his father's directions. Because he helps his father a lot, he says he can copy his father's style and no one would see the difference.

Paul, who uses mix media for his works, describes his style as modern and has influences of impressionist painters such as Van Gogh and Paul Gauguin. He visited Europe and was inspired to draw landscapes.

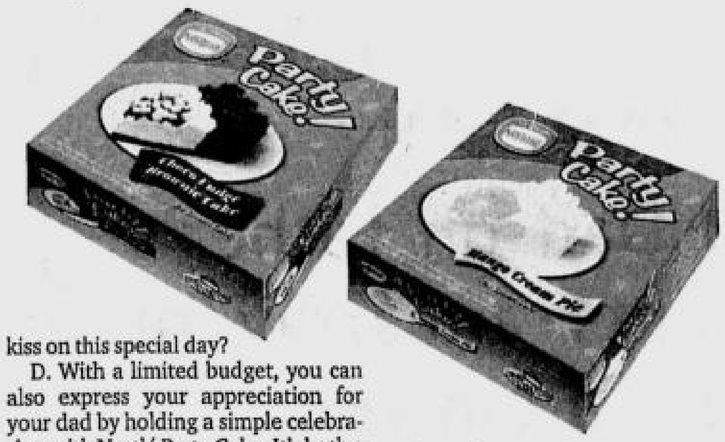
"Our father would always allow us to experiment. He encourages us to create our own ideas. But I believe he influenced us a lot, even though we, the children, have pursued different styles."

How does he feel when compared to his father? "My father's generation is very different from my generation," he replies.

The youngest, Chesca Miranda, 14, makes abstracts. She got into painting out of curiosity. But she says she plans to pursue nursing as a career when she grows up. "That is to make me different from the rest," she quips.

Every year the Nemiranda family holds an exhibit and each child contributes an artwork.

# Gift suggestions for Father's Day



OH NO, it's Father's Day! What to give dad? It always seems difficult to find the perfect gift for men, especially fathers. Well, here are several ideas you can choose from.

A. There are always the tried and tested ideas—something relatively affordable and useful: 1. wallet, 2. a set of handkerchiefs, 3. silk tie, 4. a nice polo or collared shirt. He'll love these practical gifts but they're a little less memorable.

B. You could also splurge on premium items: 1. cufflinks, 2. a gold watch, 3. golf clubs, 4. designer sunglasses. He'll surely love these exquisite gifts, but how many of us can really afford to buy these? It mostly remains in our fantasies to be able to buy our fathers the best in material stuff.

C. But don't be too hard on yourself. Remember, the best things in life are free. Why not give him a hug or a kiss on this special day?

D. With a limited budget, you can also express your appreciation for your dad by holding a simple celebration with Nestlé Party Cake. It's both a cake and an ice cream—get the best of both yummy delicacies.

Enjoy Nestlé Party Cake in two flavors: Choco Fudge Brownie Cake, with soft marshmallows, chocolate and vanilla ice cream topping a brownie base and Mango Cream Pie, made with layers of luscious mangoes, cream, mango ice cream, and buttercake. An unbeatable two-in-one dessert for dad and the whole family!

## *Have a fun, fresh and flavorful day at Chili's*

TODAY is Father's Day, and Chili's pays tribute to the "man of the house." On this day, dine-in daddies will be gifted with a Chili's coffee mug at all Chili's branches.

Chili's Grill and Bar is a perfect venue to celebrate Father's Day, where good food and a good time are served. This month, Chili's introduces the Steak and Onion, fork-tender beef grilled to order, served with crispy onion strings together with Pueblo rice and fresh veggies. Complete your dinner with Chili's latest Strawberry Chocolate Cake covered in luscious choco icing and topped with nuts, thick whipped cream and a fresh strawberry. Chili's also has a margarita bar that serves premium frozen margaritas, a real treat.

Have a happy Father's Day in any of the Chili's branches, located at Missouri corner Nevada Streets in Northeast Greenhills; Greenbelt 1 in Ayala Center, Makati; and Tomas Morato corner Sct. Fernandez Streets in Quezon City.

# Power Plant Mall weekend promo

STILL don't have the perfect gift for Father's Day? Forget the gift wraps and trimmings. Head on down to Power Plant Mall and get a chance to win a BMW Weekend Drive for your dad.

From June 17 to 19, Power Plant Mall and Prestige Cars BMW will raffle off a BMW Weekend Drive. Every P2,000 single receipt purchase from any establishment in the mall entitles you to join the BMW Weekend Drive promo. One lucky winner will bring home the latest BMW for a whole weekend and enjoy sheer driving pleasure.

The contest is open to males and females 25 years old and above with a minimum requirement of a valid driver's license. The grand draw is on June 24, 5 p.m. at the Power Plant Mall.

There's more. You not only get the chance to drive your dad around in a fancy car for one whole weekend; you also get to pick a prize and enjoy instant freebies such as gift certificates, gift packs and discount stubs from Bruno's Barbers, Men's Inc, Golf King, Zwilling JA Henckels and Power Bowl, among others.

Check out the South Court for the latest gadgets for dad presented by Speed Magazine, the hottest home theater system from Digital Cinema and the coolest watches by Chronos.

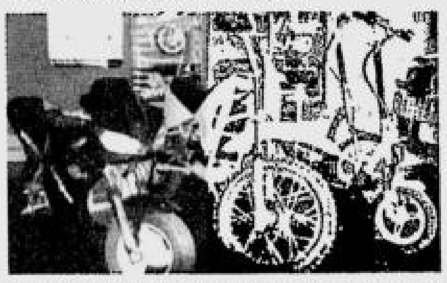
Wind up your mall visit at the North Court with a relaxing massage from Osim, or sit back and enjoy soothing live entertainment by Bong Infante and Walter Gravador as you and your dad take a sip of your favorite Gloria Jeans Coffee concoction.

So make your way to the Power Plant Mall and celebrate with your dad. Who knows, you just might win the BWM Weekend Drive and give him the ride of his life.

## Congo Grille's surprise

CONGO Grille Bar and Restaurant celebrates Father's Day with its all-time favorite dishes like Pork Sisig, Crispy Pata, Grilled Pusit, and mouthwatering Tuna Belly. It also offers Crispy Tuna Tail, an alternative to Crispy Pata, and other specials including Congo Rice, New Zealand Mussels and Congo Mango. In celebration of Father's Day, each Congo Grille outlet gives a special 'Treats and Surprises for Dad' today. A minimum P500 food and beverage purchase entitles dad the chance to pick a prize and win exciting treats and surprises courtesy of sponsors San Miguel Beer, Discovery Suites, Zesto, Unilever Foods, Whirlpool Appliances, Arce Dairy Ice Cream and Monodor Coffee. Congo Grille branches are at Bohol Avenue, Quezon City, El Pueblo, Ortigas, Pasig, Pasay Road, Makati, Westgate Center, Alabang and SM City Fairview.

## Dad's electric ride



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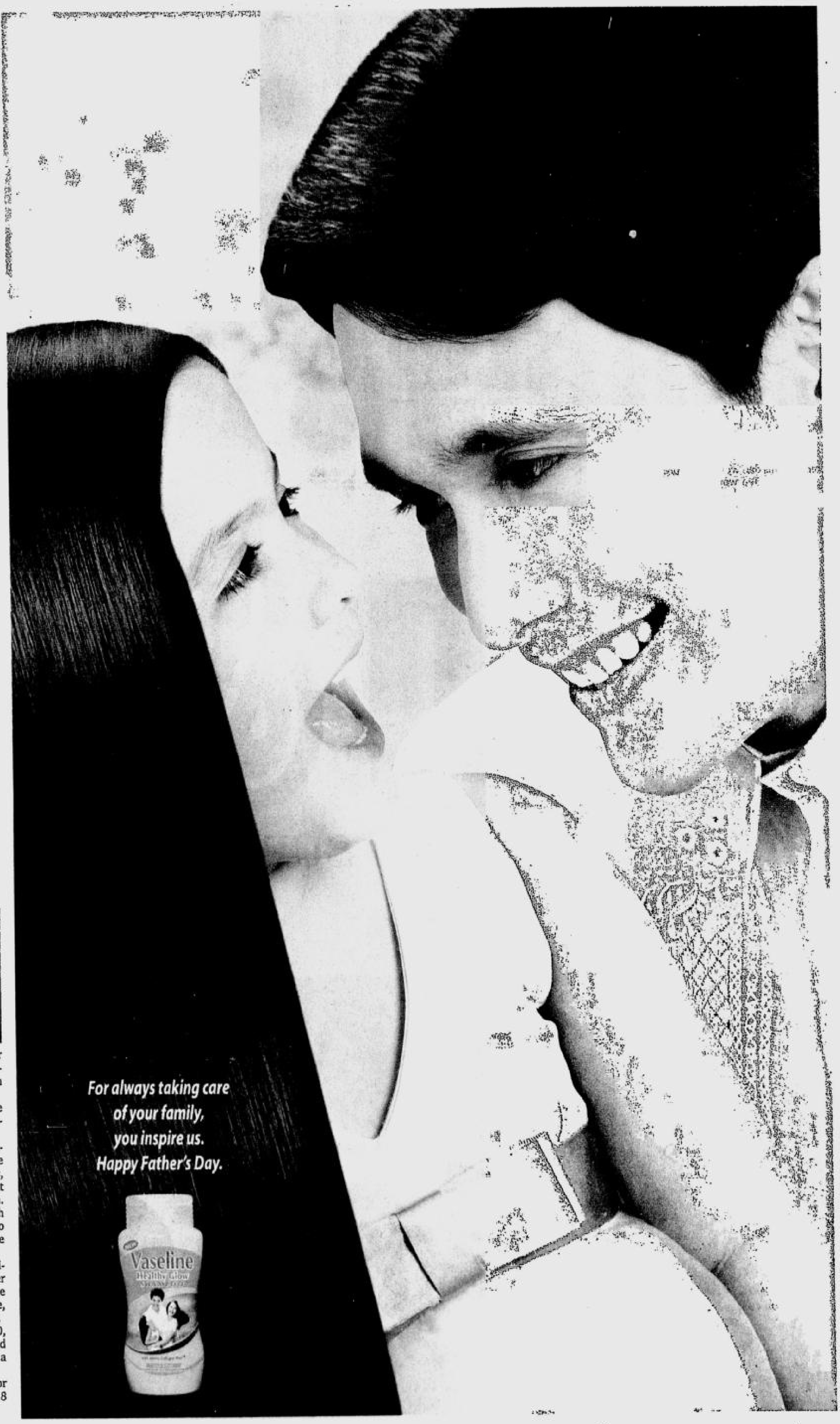
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Wondering where to bring Dad on Father's Day? SM Supermalls presents an array of events that will definitely put a big smile on Daddy's face and give lots of fun and enjoyment to the whole family!

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## EVENT SCHEDULES

SM City North Edsa

*A must-attend for fathers with large families, gentleman-farmer dads, car-dads and fashion-conscious papas.*

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| June 19 | Photo Exhibit Contest of fathers with the most number of children. Prizes from Kameraworld and ABS Bitter Herbs. |
| June 19 | Harbest Agribusiness Seminar for interested fathers. |
| June 20 - 24 | Transport Show (Car Display) by Ace Builders. |
| June 20 - 24 | Window Display Exhibit showing different faces of Dad by Marks & Spencer, M Big Men, Tribal, Adidas, LA Gear, Penshoppe, Olympic Village and Sari-Sari. |

SM City Fairview

*Let Dad show off his home improvement skills.*

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| June 20 - 26 | Black & Decker Challenge from Ace Builders. Contestants show their skills using Black & Decker tools. Winners from June 20-25 will return for the Finals on June 26. |

SM City Sta. Mesa

*Papas who simply wish to be entertained, come on over.*

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| June 19 | Father and Daughter celebrities Francis and Maxene Magalona will provide song and dance entertainment. |

SM Megamall

*Get special treats and great freebies for Dad!*

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| June 18 - 19 | Mega Treat for Father's Day! **Mr. Softy**: Win freebies by playing roulette with each purchase of Mr. Softy Ice Cream; **Frame Plus**: Mini Exhibit featuring the Saturday Group Members; **Comic Alley**: Comics display for men; **Oxygen**: Fashion consultation with Apparel Display; **Chicco Products**: Display and Exhibits; **David's Day Spa**: Free massage and consultation for first 50 patrons; **Onesimus**: Film show on barong-making and fashion Consultation; **Clinica Manila**: Free health consultation for Fathers |

SM City Manila

*Have Dad's Picture taken by a professional photographer!*

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| June 19 | Free photos for fathers! Father's Day Promo from YKL. |

SM Southmall

*Join Parlor games, watch variety shows, and enjoy hilarious impersonations from Willie Nepomuceno.*

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| June 18 | DWRock 96.3FM Dad's Day Out: Parlor Games, Promos and Variety Shows for Dad. |
| June 19 | Willie Nepomuceno, Father Celebrity! Willie Impersonates the 3 faces of Fatherhood, 3pm. |

SM Supercenter Sucat

*Sharpen Dad's home improvement skills.. and laugh at more impersonations from Willie Nepomuceno.*

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| June 17 - 19 | Father's Day Fair by Ace Hardware. Product demo by JML (John Male Ltd) power wrench, rotary tool kit, shoe shine kit and MG Infinity. |
| June 19 | Father Celebrity Willie Nepomuceno Impersonates the 3 faces of Fatherhood, 5pm. |

SM City Bicutan

*Great exhibits & gift items for Dads at low, low prices plus entertainment from Janno Gibbs.*

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| June 13 - 19 | Father's Day Fair - a joint effort by Ace Hardware, SM Hypermarket, SM Department Store, GQ, Onesimus, Speedlink and Giordano. |
| June 18 | Celebrity Dad - Janno Gibbs in a special number! |

SM City Bacoor

*Dad's favorite gadgets are all here!*

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| June 13 - 16 | Gadgets & Tools Fair "Machines for Dad" --- by Cartruck, Speedlink, Ace Hardware, Aslanic, Columbia, Complink and other tenants. |

SM City Cebu

*Can Dad sing? Find out by making him join this singing contest.*

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| June 19 | Mr. Thirsty's "Battle of the Champions: Singing Dads" Contest. |

SM City Iloilo

*Enjoy a paintball game, attend a fashion show, and watch a Hiligaynon oratorical contest with Dad - in one day!*

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| June 18 - 19 | Just for Dads Paintball Tournament- Free use of equipment for Dads and kids. |
| June 19 | Male Review: Dads on the Ramp fashion show featuring Iloilo's most prominent dads. |
| June 19 | Father's Day "Binalaybay at Composo"- Oratorical Contest in the Hiligaynon dialect. |

SM City Davao

*Listen to amazing vocal harmonies with Dad.*

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| June 19 | A musical tribute to fathers featuring Davao's premiere chorale group, "Songspell". |

SM City Cagayan de Oro

*Watch the finalists and Grand Winner of this Videoke Contest!*

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| June 17 | Featuring the finalists of the Home Radio Father's Day Special "Videoke King si Papa". |

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FATHER'S DAY SUPPLEMENT

FATHER to four sons, Bingbong says that a father should be a 'very, very good example' to his children.

# In his father's footsteps

By Joel V. Nigos

He made headlines during the 1960s, terrorizing people in his province while his family was lording it over in Ilocos Sur — his father being a Representative and his mother Carmeling serving as Governor.

But his notoriety came to an end when he was convicted of a "double-life sentence" for burning down two villages in Bantay town — Ora East and Ora Central.

Serving his term at the New Bilibid Prisons in Muntinlupa in 1976, he attended meetings conducted by Catholic Charismatic Groups out of curiosity. There, he says he met the Lord and found himself healed. He then made a covenant with Him that he would serve Him if He would just give him a second chance in life.

After five years in prison, he was pardoned by President Ferdinand Marcos and released in 1981.

In March 1982, he put up the Loved Flock Catholic Charismatic Renewal Ministries to share his newfound faith with other people.

Now Representative of the first district of Quezon City and also acting as the House Deputy Minority Leader, Vincent "Bingbong" Crisologo now enjoys being the spiritual father of his flock. He also considers himself "father" of his constituents as their representative in Congress. And as a father to his four sons, he says how he was reared by his father helps him a lot in looking after their welfare.

## Turnaroud

Bingbong recalls that inside the prison was when he experienced a turnaround. A miracle was how he calls it.

"Out of curiosity I attended the prayer meetings of the Catholic Charismatic groups. I saw prisoners who had no future at all having changed lives. I noticed the healing of broken relationships. These are possible when people begin to serve the Lord."

Bingbong continues to be the community servant of Loved Flock. "The Lord could really change lives and He is powerful. That is what I want to share with our brothers and sisters."

The community he started more than two decades ago now has around 1 million members in 80 chapters around the Philippines and abroad. It has chapters in countries like Italy, Germany, Austria, Hong Kong, and Taiwan, which primarily serves the Filipino communities there."

## In his father's footsteps

Bingbong says he is determined to follow the footsteps of his late father Floro. The elder Crisologo served as Representative of Ilocos Sur for more than 20 years. During his stint in Congress, Floro authored the Tobacco Law and the Social Security System Law. Two landmark laws, which Bingbong says, continue to benefit millions of Filipinos to this day.

> Loved Flock Catholic Charismatic Renewal Ministries founder and now QC Rep. Vincent "Bingbong" Crisologo talks about his father, his being father to his four sons and as spiritual father to his flock

"I believe it (following his footsteps) is the will of God. As Congressman and just like my father, I would be able to help as many people as possible," he says adding, with a bit of regret, that he should have started helping people while his father was in power.

"But what's important now is the present. I think that's the reason I am here, for me to continue the legacy of my father," he enthuses.

Asked about his memories of his father, Bingbong says, "He was a caring father. He always looked after our welfare. He was strict in the sense that he would call our attention to anything that did not conform to his standards. He was also very liberal in the sense that he allowed us to do what we wanted to do in order for us to learn our lessons."

His father's most important trait, which Bingbong says he admires and tries to emulate, is his being calm under pressure. "I learned to always think logically, to look for a win-win solution to every situation, to always see the bigger picture. A character, I believe, every father should have."

The elder Crisologo's political career ended when he was gunned down while attending Mass inside St. Paul's Catherdral in downtown Vigan in 1970.

## Father to four sons

Bingbong is married to Rita Dario, the former beauty queen of Candon, Ilocos Sur. Their four sons are Floro II, 33, Alexander, 31, Anthony, 22, and Frederick, 20.

He says that as a father, he believes that he should be a "very very good example to his children — as a citizen, a Christian, a father, a friend, and in his relationships to other people."

"To provide for their needs I think is basic. What's more important is I should be able to inculcate Christian values to them because Christian values encompass everything in life. I'm in a better position to do this as servant of Loved Flock and since in their own time all my kids would also become fathers."

As father to his four sons, Bingbong says he wants to be remembered as one who cares and one who is concerned in all the aspects of their lives — in their education, in their needs, in their relationships, and in their values.

And he always reminds them that "Whatever the problems one faces, God will always be there to provide comfort and help."

Happy Father's Day, Partner!
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# 'Daddyctionary' says he's great

By Normandy dela Paz

DADS can be simple and complex at the same time. Sometimes, we just don't understand them, and yet it is them whom we go to when we want to know things about how a man (or even a woman) ticks. From a simple question like how to make a go-kart to a more complex one such as how to be a good father, dad has all the answers. Here are some of the things, simple or complex, most of us learned from dad:

**Antenna** - The contraption, which when broken, makes dad go up the roof especially when there's a major sports event on TV.

**Beer** - A golden liquid consumed by dad before and after fixing the antenna while watching a sports event on TV.

**Can opener** - What dad means when he says he'll cook dinner.

**Dog** - A member of the family who appreciates dad's cooking the most.

**Electrician** - What dad claims to be, when electrical appliances are busted.

**Fire** - A by-product of dad's tinkering with a busted electrical appliance.

**Garage** - The place where all of dad's stuff that he considers important and what mom thinks as junk are stored.

**House** - The place where all of mom's stuff that she considers important and what dad thinks as junk are stored.

**Innocent** - What kids seem to look when asked by dad if they touched his wallet.

**Jiminy Cricket** - Pinocchio's conscience, and what dad wishes his kids to have when they *do* touch his wallet.

**Klutzes** - His kids, according to dad, when they do chores around the house.

**Lousy** - Dad, according to his kids, when he does chores around the house.

**Minoxidil** - A drug that increases hair growth, a great gift for Father's Day.

**None** - Pertains to dad's hair, which is why Minoxidil is a great gift for Father's Day.

**Overtime** - The reason dad gives mom when he comes home late.

**Pubhouse** - The real reason dad doesn't give mom when he comes home late.

**Questions** - Nonsense kids ask their dad.

**Response** - The answer dad gives to his kids' questions, which often is "Go ask your mother."

**Shoes** - Things dad cares less of, and what mom can't seem to have too many of.

**Tools** - Things mom cares less of, and what dad can't seem to have too many of.

**Umbrella** - A device dad refuses to take to work when it rains.

**Vitamins** - Pills dad takes to fight off the cold he catches after running in the rain.

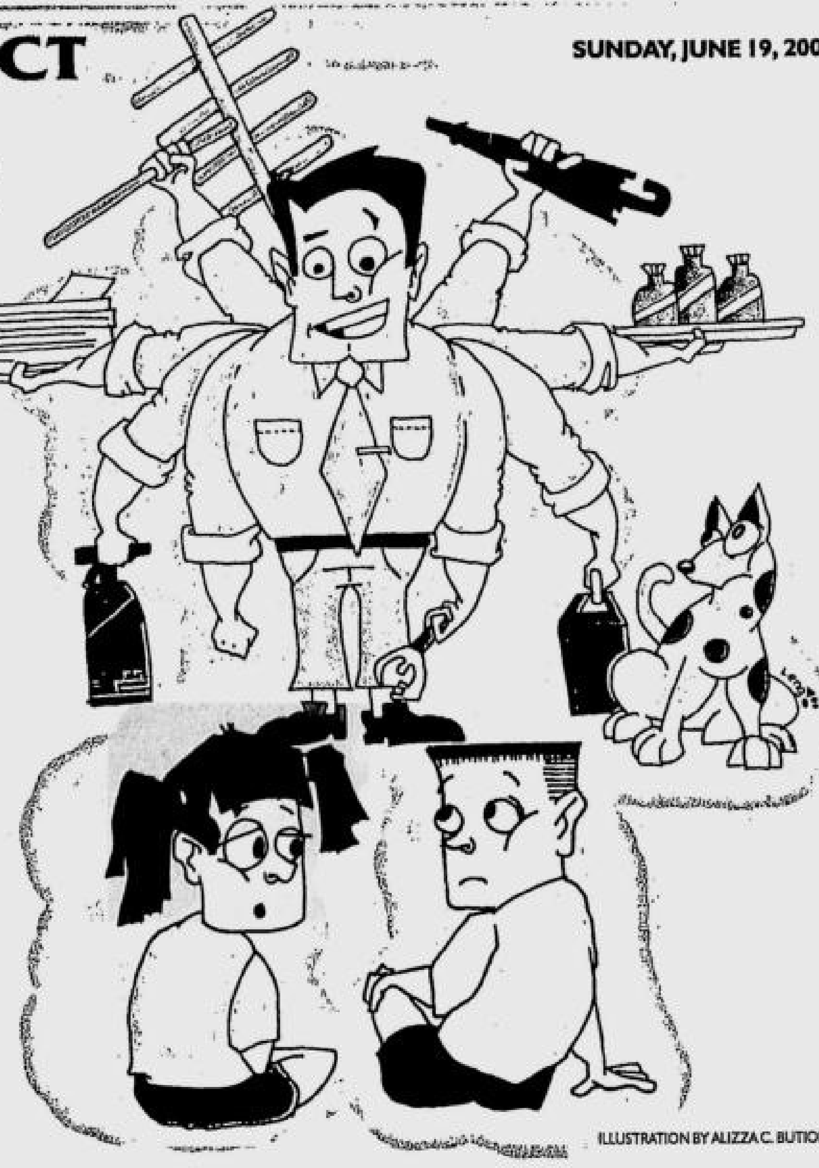
**Work** - The excuse dad gives to his boss when asked why he has school textbooks in one hand and a lot of bond paper in the other.

**Xerox** - A brand of photocopying machine that helps dad save a lot of money because he doesn't need to buy school textbooks for his kids anymore.

**Yes** - The answer we give when asked if our dad is the greatest dad in the world.

**Zero** - The answer we give when asked if there's anyone greater than our dad.

It doesn't take a dictionary to understand what our dad means to us. No word can describe his greatness, but three words can surely express our gratitude for them - "Happy Father's Day."



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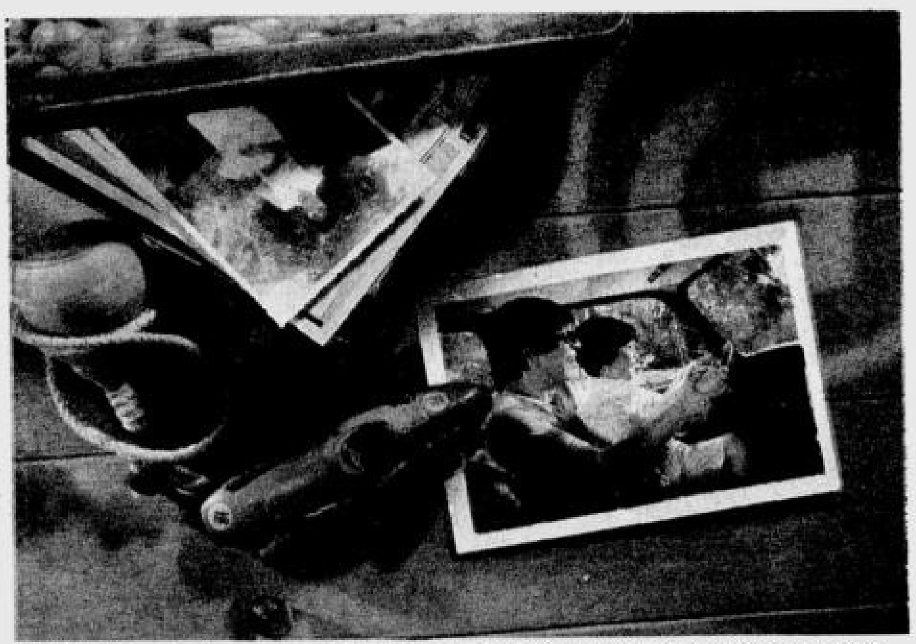

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THIS FATHER'S Day, you could give the usual gifts to show your Dad how much you appreciate him and all that he has done for you. You could do more chores and take him to his favorite restaurant. But after the occasion passes, do we wait another year to tell him how much he means to us?

A better idea is that we help our Dad get the most out of his life by making sure he is in the best of health along with the rest of your family. Empower, a natural supplement manufacturer of the Moreishi product line, offers powerful herbal products that boast of a potent synergistic effect that helps keep your body functioning well. Whereas you could take several natural supplements or food that have separate health benefits, the Moreishi line of products have been well-researched and combined those herbs that will yield more potent results plus, Moreishi products are delicious and convenient to take.

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# *My hero, my dad*

TODAY'S dad is supposed to be cool, smart, tough, and sensitive, a tall order even for a superhero. There's so much material out there that's supposed to show us what a perfect dad is supposed to be like, our own fathers couldn't possibly measure up. How could one ever stop comparing the real with the ideal?

In this day and age it has become easier to start discounting the role of the father. More and more, it has become easier to accept that dad no longer has the final say, or is not the sole breadwinner anymore, or that he has lost the exclusive rights to sitting at the head of the table. And some folks would say that that's progress. Now that the modern world is no longer supposed to discriminate against age, gender, or civil status, being a man who has fathered children may not be something that is as celebrated or honored as before. Dads just don't get as many breaks as they used to.

But in this brave new world, with its level playing fields and broken glass ceilings, dad still manages to get by. Despite the change in rules, dads still come fortified with the same equipment. Compared to bachelors, fathers arguably posses a deeper reserve of what we might call "man-strength". This is the strength that comes from being prepared to risk everything for the safety of his wife and children. Even if it takes him away from his home or his comfort zone, and makes him a slave or a fool, there's an urgency, a driving force within every man that makes him strive to provide for his family. It's what urges him to fix the car or deal with the plumbing, what makes him want a better life for you than what he had for himself. For sure, the world has its fair share of deadbeats, but as far as most families are concerned, their dad will always try to be a guiding hand, a solid pillar to lean on, the man who is always thinking of their comfort, but also keeps trying to push their limits.

Regarding fathers, there seems to be an imbalance in the entertainment world. On TV, there's an overload of sitcoms focusing on wacky dads, single dads, or wacky single dads. In animated films, whether produced by Disney or others, the protagonists generally have a bumbling but doting father figure present. The wealthy and attractive widower or divorcee has been a staple character from "The Sound of Music" to "Who Wants To Marry My Dad?". Moms aren't quite as well represented. Which is maybe why Mother's Day is an exponentially bigger deal, commerce-wise. It's the world's way of making up to mom. Father's day is almost like an afterthought.

So what should we do to honor 21st century dad? Stereotypes aside, most dads prefer being really low key about and wouldn't mind having Father's Day as a completely understated affair. So they'd expect less flowers and more socks, less cake and more scotch, less kisses and more handshakes. But it doesn't really matter what you give, but what you share. It doesn't take a card or a present, words and touch work just as well. Just this once, you should forgive and forget his silly and embarrassing moments. He's your father, the guy who had to court your mom and confront your grandparents, so he has a right to be sappy and corny, and for at least one day you should be too. Every man could use a hug and a compliment - your brother, your friend, and maybe even the Pope. As long as you put in a lot of warmth, and a lot of love, just a hug will make your dad feel like the most important man in the world.

The Ultimate Hero's Welcome awaits all dads at DADS. Opened in 1993 in honor of fathers, DADS Continental Restaurant became an instant success with its 50 percent off reward to the No-Left-Over Buffet eater. Tripling its initial success, DADS now is the undisputed buffet head its three-in-one buffet. A diner's ultimate delight which offers Kamayan Filipino favorites, Saisaki Japanese specialties and the classic Dads dishes. "Idol Ko si Dad", the groups' Father's Day treat also runs in Sake San Japanese Restaurant and Sake Bar, in Saikono, the best Japanese Teppanyaki, and in Kamayan Pasay Road, the first, the original.

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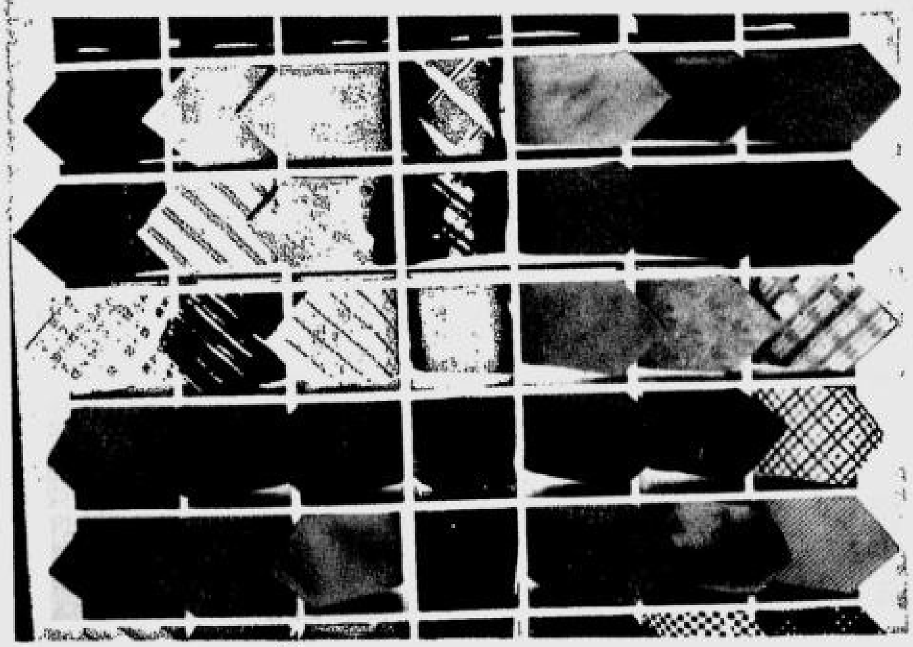
# It's a great Dad's Day at The Podium



IT'S D-DAY, and The Podium has lined up great ways to make Father's Day special.

Shop for that special gift for dad at The Podium's stores, and enjoy great discounts and gifts, treat him to specially created Father's Day menus at the mall's restos, and spend a day with him tp check out techie stuff and toys for bog boys.

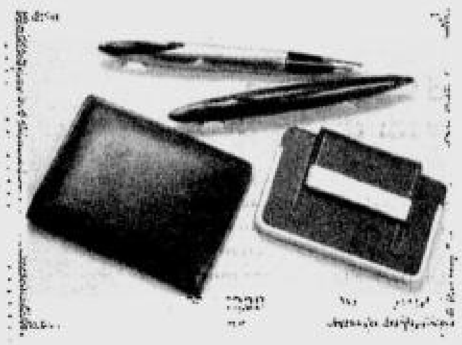
Don't let him miss the SM Appliance Center's state-of-the-art festival showcasing the latest gadgets and techie toys — digital cameras, laptops, iPODs, plasma TVs and PDAs from all leading brands. The good news for cyber dads is that there will be a 0-percent interest on all major credit cards at the SM Appliance Center festival at The Lounge, second level from June 13 to 26.

More toys for big boys. PGA Cars Inc will showcase the newest models from Porsche and Audi at The Podium's main entrance on June 18 and 19. The two-car exhibit will feature the sleek Porsche Cayenne and the cool 2005 Audi models.

Kids can show dad how much he's loved with TK by Toy Kingdom's Me and My Dad Drawing Contest, and win fun gift packs. Open to kids 3 to 12 years old, the contest was held June 18 and again on June 19 from 1. p.m. to 5 p.m.

Here are some great gift ideas from The Podium to make Dad's Day really special:

• Get cool discounts when buying your Dad's Day present at some of the, mall's hottest stores. Nautica's offering a 20-percent discount on selected items from June 12 to 30. Sisley's also giving 20 percent off on all men's merchandise from June 12 to 19. Kate, Jack and Gingersnaps is offering an amazing 50-percent discount on its current men's line selections, and 10 percent on its newest selections from June 13 to 19.



• Enjoy presents plus when buying that special gift for dad. Treat dad to smart suits, button down shirts, ties and slacks from Arrow, and get a luxe cellphone case for every P1,500 purchase. Or choose one of Tie Rack's stylish ties for him and get a second one free for every P1,000 purchase. More smart casual fashion fun: every purchase of Giordano jeans and khaki pants entitles one to a boyfit tee for only P199.

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• Get him the write stuff. Cross pens not only make cool gifts, but will also entitle one to a snazzy leather photo frame for every P2,000 purchase, and sleek business card holder for every P3,000 purchase until July 31. Or select from one of Braun Buffel's luxe leather for dad and get a fashionably functional leather passport holder case for a minimum purchase. Purchases of Victorinox Swiss Army knives from Zwilling Henkel, meanwhile, will entitle one to a limited edition sweatband and umbrella.

• Make it a family affair and treat dad to lunch or dinner in any of The Podium's special restaurants with Father's Day menus. It's also cheers to dad at Crustasia, where one can get free wine for every P2,000 purchase.

• Cap the day with a picture perfect moment with dad at Kodak Express. The first 120 shoppers who register at the Kodak Express at the mall's lower ground level on June 19 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. will be entitled to special, as they say, perfect Kodak moments.

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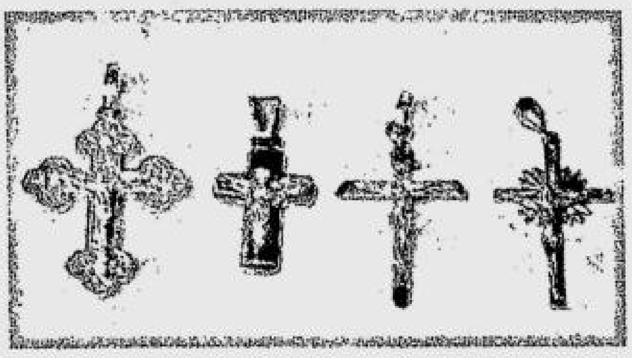

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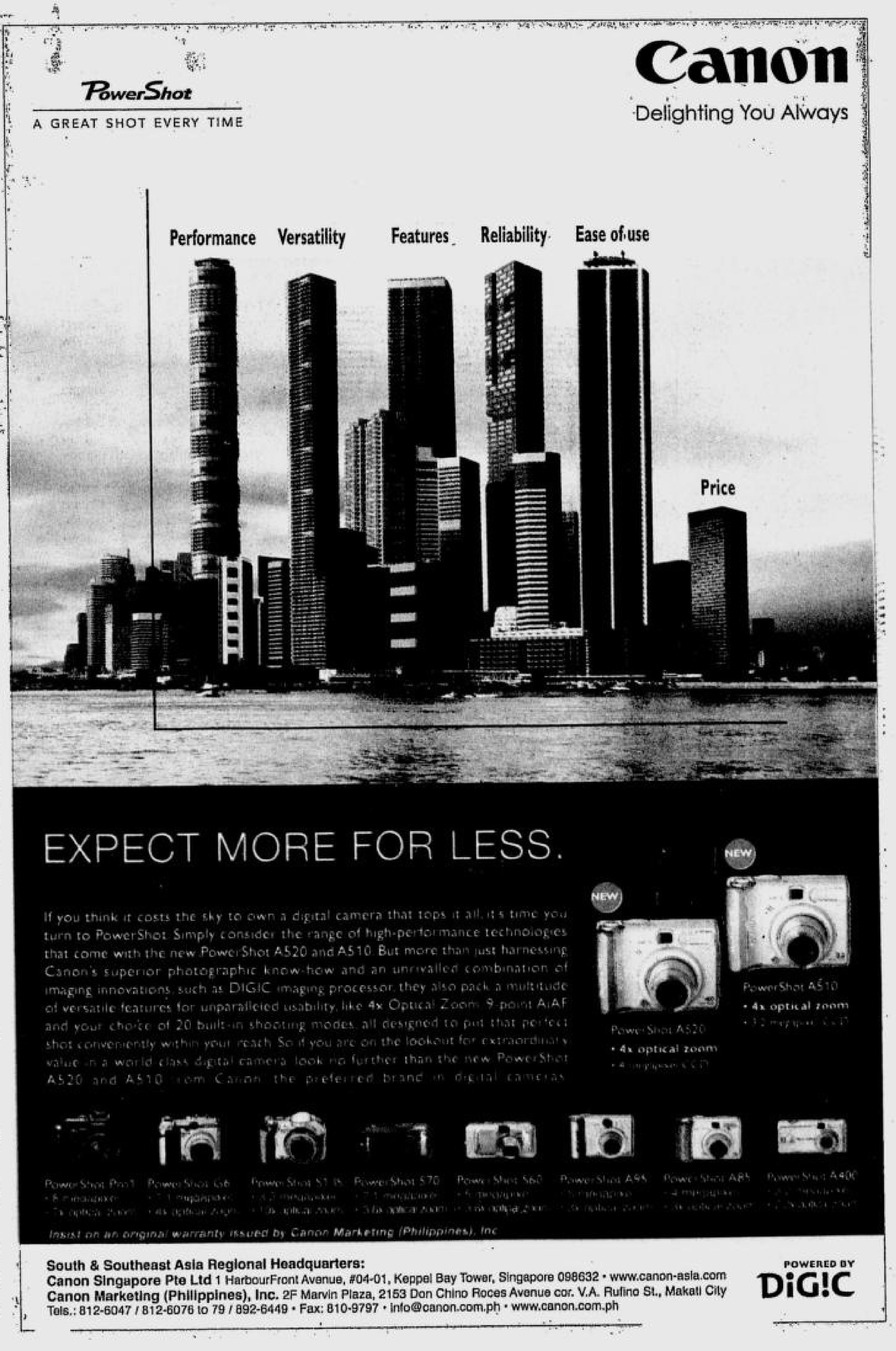

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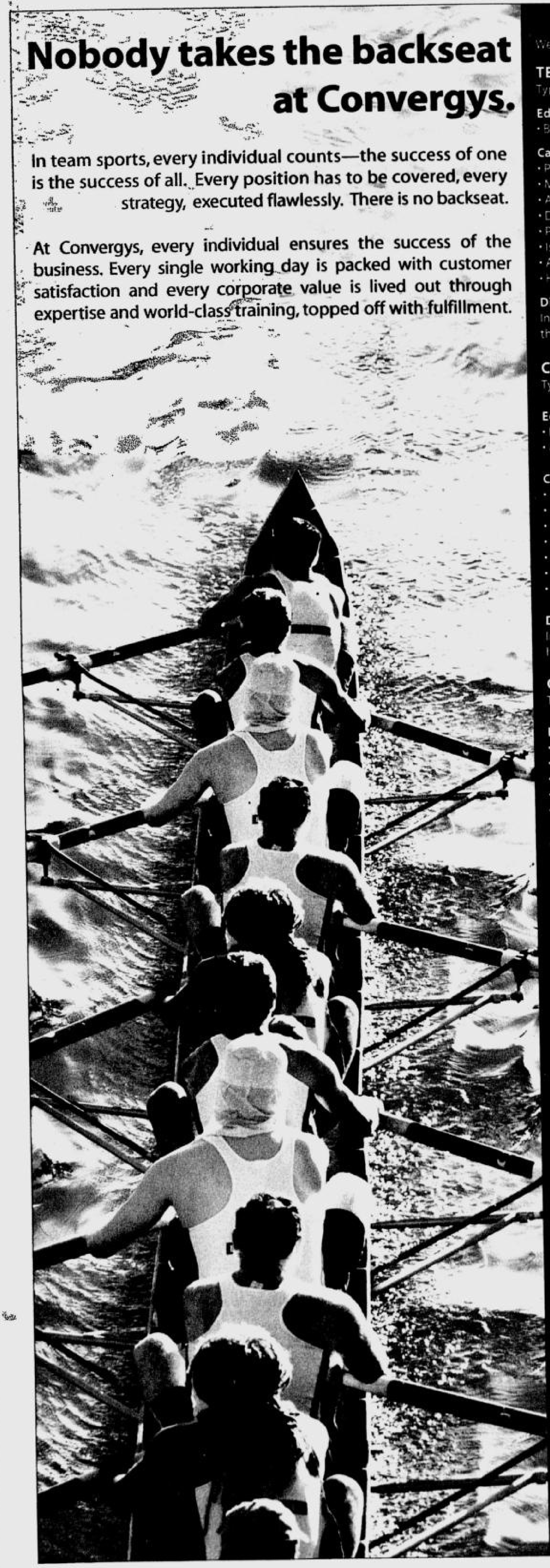

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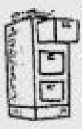

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- Excellent organizational & interpersonal skills
- Can work long hours

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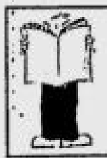

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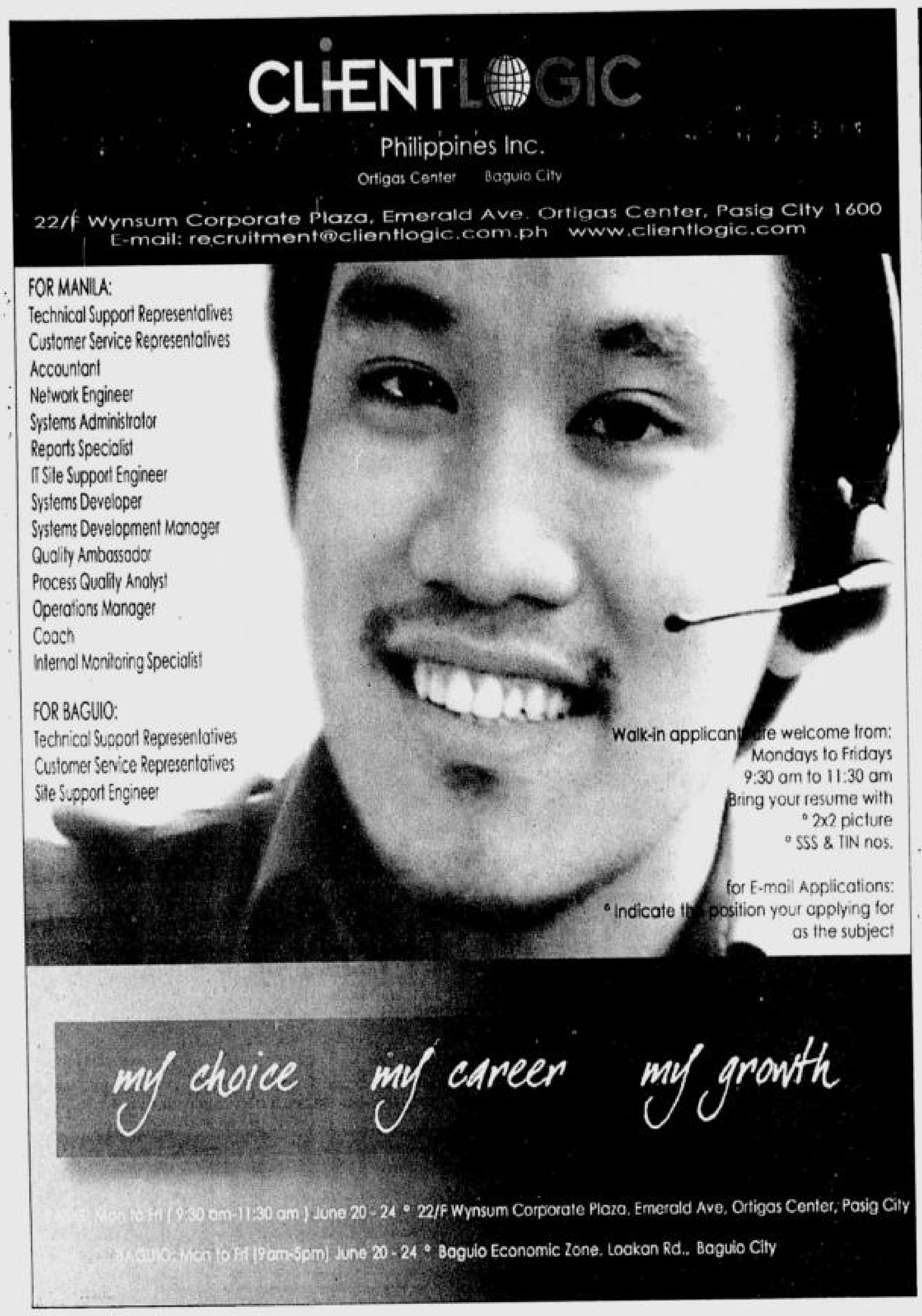
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*Due to the urgency of the requirement, interested parties may apply in person or may send their detailed resumé with recent photo and transcript of records between 9-11 am and 1-3 pm. at:*

**GM AutoWorld Building**
The Human Resources Department
2296 Don Chino Roces Avenue, Makati City
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## Sales and Marketing Officer
- Preferably Male at least 5'6"/Female at least 5"3";
- Preferably not more than 32 years old;
- Graduate of Business Administration, Marketing or related fields gained from a reputable university or college;
- A masters degree in Marketing or Administration is an advantage;
- At least 4 years of supervisory/managerial experience in sales, customer service and marketing gained from the security service, hotel or general service industry;
- Aggressive, dynamic and persuasive individual;
- With a pleasing personality and excellent verbal and written communication and leadership skills;
- Contacts/network in the government and any big industries is an advantage.

## Sales and Account Representative/s
- Male or Female, 22-30 years old
- College graduate of any reputable university/college;
- Preferably with 2 years experience in a similar capacity;
- Aggressive, dynamic and persuasive individual;
- With a pleasing personality and excellent communication, presentation and negotiation skills;
- Enthusiastic, enterprising and highly motivated by the opportunity to earn good commissions if targets are met;
- Existing network base and/or client base;
- We offer hefty commission and unlimited income. **No quota**, no minimum sales required. Full and part timers are welcome to apply.

## Collection and Credit Officer
- Individual with at least 7 years of related experience, a significant portion of which is gained from security service or any services business;
- Appropriately assertive individual, with the ability to tactfully question activities and enforce policies and procedures, and with attention to detail to ensure that all receivable issues are addressed on a timely basis;
- The ability to read and understand contracts and their billing implications are required;
- Finally, we seek fluency in Microsoft Excel. To fully succeed here you should have a sense of urgency, and enjoy thinking and making decisions independently.

Interested applicants are requested to submit a comprehensive resumé with picture, photocopy of transcript of records, diploma, SSS and TIN cards, NBI clearance at:

**The Administrative and Personnel Department**
**PSVSIA Center II, No. 82 E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue,**
**Quezon City**
**Or e-mail at hrd@greendot.com.ph**

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# Job Opportunities

## ASSISTANT PROJECT MANAGER and SENIOR RENEWABLE ENERGY ENGINEER

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The Assistant Project Manager will assist the Project Manager in overall implementation and management of the rural energy development projects, including leading technical aspects of the identification, assessment, preparation, and planning of rural renewable energy sub-projects in specific barangays, and provide project coordination and overall guidance for rural energy project implementation. Related program duties of the Assistant Project Manager will include: monitoring overall performance against the project work plan and expenditure schedule; performing liaison duties with funding agencies, team partners, and key collaborators; overseeing and coordinating with subcontractors and consultants; overseeing performance of program staff; preparing required reports and deliverables; and coordinating with the headquarters office on technical, managerial and administrative issues.

The responsibilities of the Senior Renewable Energy Engineer include identifying, preparing and implementing rural renewable energy projects for livelihood and social applications, related community organization and social preparation, and training and technical assistance. The positions are expected to be based in Manila, with extensive travel to project regions.

Interested candidates should have a university degree in engineering, rural development, agribusiness, or closely related field; proven leadership and management skills; prior management or supervisory experience with rural field projects; ability to work in a fast-paced environment, under very tight performance schedules; ability to manage a very diverse group of professionals and technicians and communicate well with rural community members; experience in designing and implementing community development, social preparation and training programs in rural areas; and excellent written and oral communication skills both in English and Filipino. Knowledge of Visayan would be a plus. Experience in renewable energy preferred for the Assistant Manager position and essential for the Senior Renewable Energy Engineer position.

Candidates who possess the skills and experience to fulfill both sets of duties are preferred and strongly encouraged to apply.

Cover letters and resumes should be sent to jobs@winrock.org or PO Box # 12736. Deadline for applications is on July 4, 2005.

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**DON BOSCO TECHNICAL INSTITUTE**
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- Male, between 25-30 years old
- Graduate either of the following courses:
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  - ✓ Bachelor in Technician Teacher Education major in Electrical Technology
  - ✓ Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering w/ certificate of teaching
- With teaching license
- Good communication skills
- Computer literate preferably with teaching experience

Applicants are requested to hand carry their comprehensive resumé together with a photocopy of transcript of records and professional ID license to the Human Resource Office, Chino Roces Ave. Makati City. Telephone Nos. 892-01-01 to 10 loc 205

## FOR IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT!

**FERNA CORPORATION** (The Food Ingredients Specialist) is currently in need of young, dynamic people to join our team. Below are the required qualifications for the following job openings:

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- Female, Male, single
- Not over 35 years old
- Degree in BS Food Technology or BS Food Nutrition & Dietetics or any related course, an advantage
- Has baking and culinary experience
- Has excellent oral and written communication skills
- Computer literate (Windows/MS-Office, a must)

TECHNICAL SERVICES STAFF (CODE: TSD/S)
- Female, Male, single
- Not over 35 years old
- Degree in BS Food Technology or BS Food Nutrition & Dietetics or any related course, an advantage
- Has ingredients formulation experience
- Has excellent oral and written communication skills

CREATIVE & CONCEPT STAFF (GRAPHIC ARTIST) (CODE: SMD/S)
- Male or Female, not over 35 years old
- College Graduate (preferably with Advertising or Fine Arts Degree)
- With excellent computer skills (MS Word, Excel, Powerpoint)
- Knowledgeable in freehand drawing and in graphic design software (MAC user preferred)
- Has experience in conceptualization and in execution of graphic design
- Has excellent oral and written communication skills
- With pleasing personality, resourceful, creative, hardworking and trustworthy

SALES STAFF (CODE: S/S)
- Female, single
- 25-35 years old
- College Graduate, preferably with experience in Sales or Marketing
- Has excellent oral and written communication skills
- Computer literate (Windows/MS-Office, a must)
- With pleasing personality, resourceful, hardworking and trustworthy

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### Accounting Staff

- Male or Female
- Not more than 35 years old
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- Should have good communication skills
- With 2-3 years experience in accounting.

Interested applicants may send their resumé, college transcript of records, and CPA license/ certificate to:

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## JOB OPENINGS

The company that powers the No. 1 Prepaid Internet Card known as ISPx Bonanza is in need of the following positions as part of its expansion...

**1. MARKETING MANAGER**
- Male/Female, 35 years old and below
- Must have at least a Bachelor's College Degree in Marketing Management or related course. Master's Degree in Business will be a plus factor
- Aggressive, personable, highly articulate, analytical, results-oriented individual and with excellent communication & interpersonal skills
- At least 5 year(s) of experience in the related field, preferably from consumer goods, advertising, telecommunication or IT industry
- Required skill(s): Market Planning, Events & Promo Management, and Public Relations
- Demonstrated leadership skills, having gained respect in all levels of an organization
- Computer literate, and must be willing to travel

**2. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**
- Female, single, preferably 28 years old and below
- Graduate of any 4-year Business course preferably major in Marketing, Management, Computer Science
- Must be proficient in computer and internet applications
- Must possess excellent command in oral and written communication
- Must be pro-active, assertive, systematic and well-organized

**3. WEB DESIGNER**
- M/F, preferably 25 years old and below
- Must be adept with Photoshop, Dreamweaver, Flash, JavaScript, HTML, DHTML
- Should possess the following qualities i.e., excellent communication skills, well-organized, detail-oriented, creative and enthusiastic, punctual, good interpersonal relationship, willing to learn new skills
- Somebody who could maintain and develop internal and external web pages, and can assist in marketing graphics

**4. HELPDESK SUPPORT REPRESENTATIVES**
- M, preferably 25 years old and below
- Earned a Degree in Information Technology or Computer Science
- Alert, attentive and must have good inter-personal skills
- Physically fit, willing to work on shifts and must be proficient with the Internet and MS Office applications
- Experience in Call Center an advantage

**5. SALES EXECUTIVES**
- M/F, preferably 25 years old and below
- Graduate of any 4-year business course preferably major in Marketing, Management, Computer Science
- Fluent in both English and Filipino
- Should be enthusiastic, self-driven, independent, and can relate well with people of all levels
- Willing to do field work

**6. PROMO GIRLS/BONANZA GIRLS**
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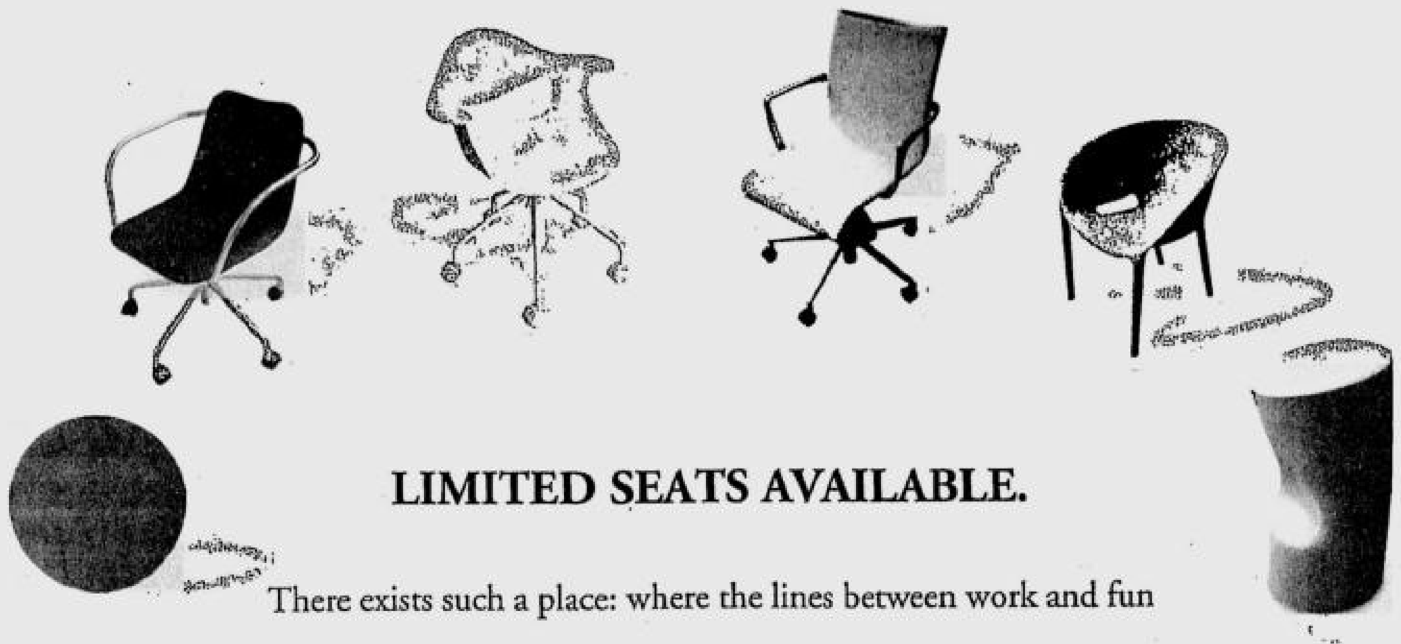

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- Scaffolding Foremen
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- X-Steel Autocad Draughtsman
- Foremen/Supervisors
- Heavy Duty Truck Drivers
- Heavy Equipment Drivers
- Heavy Equipment Mechanics
- Heavy Equipment
- Electricians
- Male Secretaries
- Store Keepers
- Time Keepers
- Laboratory Technicians
- Male Nurses
- Mobile Crane Operators
- Computer Operators
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Note: Please report to IJOBS office on June 17 & 18 for interview briefing and bring 2 sets of your credentials with MEDICAL report (fit to work)

**FOR WEST AFRICA (NIGERIA) OIL & GAS PROJECT**
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  2. PHP
  3. Style Sheet
  4. A Creative thinker

**FOR DUBAI**
- Interior Decorator (Female)
- Fashion Designer (Female)

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Contact Name: Grace Romero-Soriano (IJOBS Documentation Officer)
Contact No: (074) 447-0180 / (074) 304-4414

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**KMBI** *is a Christian development organization, engaged in Microfinance & Business Development operating in major cities of Mindanao and Luzon:*

### BDS Director

The Business Development Service Director position is senior management level, reporting directly to the Executive Director. He/she will be responsible in the management, development of the Business Development Department, producing relevant business interventions and projects including, but not limited to, linkaging & networking, product development and marketing.

*Qualifications:*
- Graduate of any business course, an MBA degree is an advantage
- Adept in research and feasibility studies
- Knowledgeable in business policies, issues and trends
- Skillful in program & project management, training delivery and program development
- Has exceptional written and oral communication skills
- With proven expertise in managing business and at least 3 years of experience as senior manager in a related field

### Support Service Head

The Support Service Head will manage the entire support service team of the organization. He/she will oversee the management of finance, personnel and general admin. departments. The position is for regular employment, reporting directly to the Executive Director and candidate must have senior management experience in related fields. A dynamic team leader, with proven expertise in finance and administrative duties.

*Qualifications:*
- Graduate of psychology, accounting or business course, an MBA degree holder is an advantage
- With in-depth knowledge of accounting systems and principles, labor regulations, human resource management, building and office management.
- Has exceptional written and oral communication
- With 3 years managerial experience in related field

### HR and Admin. Officer

The HR and Admin. Officer who will handle the management, implementation and further development of personnel and administrative activities, systems and policies. Dedicated, personable, detail-oriented and excellent people-handling and communication skills are among the primary requirements.

*Qualifications:*
- Graduate of Psychology or any business course
- With proven expertise in handling personnel, office and building systems and policies
- Minimum of 2 years supervisory experience in related field

### Auditors

We are in need of field auditors who are aggressive and determined, willing to be assigned in Mindanao and in Luzon. Positions are open for regular employment. Applicants must have 1-2 years relative experience. Work entails travel and assignment in different branches.

*Qualifications:*
- Minimum of 1-2 years auditing experience
- Proficient in written and oral communication
- Knowledge in accounting and auditing principles

### Accountants/Accounting Associates

The position is for regular employment. Must be familiar in financial report analysis and preparation, hardworking, trustworthy and reliable.

*Qualifications:*
- Minimum of 1-2 years related experience
- Adept in accounting systems and principles
- Experienced in general accounting, cashflow projection, financial report preparation
- Familiar in Branch-Head Office and Head-Branch office reporting

### BDS Associates/Assistants

The position is for regular employment. Applicant must be a graduate of any business or social course, willing to be assigned in Mindanao and in Luzon.

*Qualifications:*
- Knowledge in the conduct of research and feasibility studies, event coordination and training
- Excellent interpersonal, oral and written skills
- Has proven experience in project or business management

### Admin. Associates/Assistants

The position is for regular employment. Practically will provide assistance in managing personnel and gen. admin tasks.

*Qualifications:*
- Graduate of Psychology or any business course
- Has related experience in handling personnel matters and office/building management
- Keen to details, highly-organized and dependable

### Program Assistants

The position is for regular employment, implementer of microfinance program. Applicants must be willing to do field work, physically fit and able to relate well with people.

*Qualifications:*
- Graduate of any business or social course. College undergraduates (minimum of 2 years in college) are also welcome to apply
- Has experience in organizing people and activities
- Interested in working and dealing with people from the grassroots level
- Teachable and teamplayer

*Interested applicants may submit their comprehensive resume, with 2 x 2 picture, together with other credentials at KMBI office, 12 KMBI Bldg., San Francisco St., Karuhatan, Valenzuela City, or email at kmbi@pldtdsl.net. You may also inquire at telephone nos., 291-1485-86; fax at 292-2441.*

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- College or advance degree in business or marketing from a reputable institution
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- Chinese speaking is an advantage
- Excellent communication skills

### SALES PROFESSIONALS

- College level
- Male or Female, 21-28 years old
- Dynamic, & with pleasing personality
- Chinese speaking is an advantage
- Must know how to drive
- Excellent communication skills
- Preferably with selling experience

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*Responsibilities:*
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*Qualifications:*
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- At least 2 years of work experience in the same capacity
- Must be fluent in English language
- Team-player and has good working attitude
- Analytical, systematic and organized
- Proactive and result-driven
- Proficient in excel, word and Power point presentation

### Financial Planning Analyst (2)

*Responsibilities:*
Prepare various financial / operations reports, with some degree of financial analysis/ critical thinking required, particularly during closing / forecasting period and encode data as may be necessary.

*Qualifications:*
- Accounting graduate, CPA preferred
- At least 2 years of relevant work experience in financial analysis
- Moderate to advanced proficiency in Excel financial functions
- Must have understanding / experience in general accounting
- Willing to work long hours as required
- Team-player and has good working attitude
- Analytical, systematic and organized; detail-oriented

### Material Planner and Procurement Officer – Export

*Responsibilities:*
In-charge of material planning and procurement of imported parts for export models / units, forecasting and purchasing.

*Qualifications:*
- A graduate of Business Management, Accounting or Engineering courses
- At least 3 years of work – related experience (material / production planning and control, purchasing)
- With post-graduate degree or units an advantage
- Must be fluent in English (Chinese-speaking is an advantage)
- Team-player and has good working attitude
- Analytical, systematic and organized
- Computer literate

### Marketing Assistant

*Responsibilities:*
Assist the Marketing Manager in developing and implementing marketing strategies to ensure the achievement of the company's sales and market share objectives. He / She will be responsible for many aspects within the marketing sphere, including conceptualization of various activities and the preparation of advertising and promotional materials.

*Qualifications:*
- A graduate of BS Marketing/ Management, or Bachelor of Science in Engineering from reputable university
- At least 1-2 years of work – related experience (marketing strategy, analysis of market data, advertising, promotions and events management)
- Has excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Proactive and result-driven
- Proficient in excel, word and Power point presentation

### Plan & Spec Sales Engineer

*Responsibilities:*
Develop programs and strategies to assist designers, architects and engineers in evaluating systems and equipment, using software analysis programs.

*Qualifications:*
- Self starter
- Results-oriented, with pleasant personality
- Engineering graduate (Mechanical or Electrical Engineering)
- MBA units or MBA qualified is an advantage
- Experience in sales or specification activities from the air conditioning industry or large industrial sales company is an advantage
- With excellent interpersonal, communication and negotiating skills
- Computer literate.

### Supplier Development Engineer

*Responsibilities:*
Coordinate with foreign suppliers concerning field and factory failures, claims and replacement of defective parts / components, analysis and corrective action of field returns, prepare quality metrics, and provide support to factory and field quality concerning critical supplier issues.

*Qualifications:*
- A graduate of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical / Industrial Engineering
- Must be Licensed / Registered Engineer
- At least 2 years of work-related experience in air conditioning or appliance industry
- Team-player and has good working attitude
- Analytical, systematic and organized
- Proficient in excel, word and Power point presentation

### Process Engineer

*Responsibilities:*
In-charge of process improvements specifically at Coil Shop and Coil Fabrication, and in other production process.

*Qualifications:*
- A graduate of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical or Industrial Engineering Course
- At least 1 year work experience as Process or Manufacturing Engineer
- Self-starter and has good work ethics
- Analytical, systematic and organized
- Computer literate

*Please send your comprehensive resume & transcript of records to:*

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
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needs the following:

### HEAD CHEF

- — 2 years experience as a Sous Chef
- — Total of 12 years experience in the kitchen
- — Has background on French, Italian and Mediterranean cuisines
- — Has knowledge on menu planning and costing
- — Excellent supervisory and organizational skills
- — Team player

### CHEF DE PARTIE

- — At least 2 years experience as Chef de Partie
- — Total of 8 years experience in the kitchen
- — Has background on Asian cuisine
- — Team player

Must be willing to relocate to Pagbilao, Quezon
Interested applicant may email their resumé at:
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## BULLETIN OF VACANT POSITIONS

In Compliance with RA 7041

### 1. GENERAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU B

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Education: Bachelor's degree; Experience: None required; Training: None Required Eligibility: Career Service Professional/Second Level Eligibility

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2) Duly accomplished Personal Date Sheet (CSC Form 212);
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5) *Transcript of Records;
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The LEAD for Health Project is a three (3)-year contract between USAID and MSH that ends on September 30, 2006. ***There is a two (2)-year optional extension period.***

MSH is currently seeking qualified candidates to fill in the position of:

## FAMILY PLANNING ADVISOR

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The Family Planning (FP) Advisor will be responsible for the following:

1. Develop strategies to improve the capacity of the local government units in the provision of family planning services.
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3. Take the lead role in ensuring FP activities are promoted and effectively implemented at the local level.
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**DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Master's level of education/training or its equivalent in Public Health or related technical fields.
2. Prior experience working in the Philippines.
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## POLICY UNIT DIRECTOR

OVERALL RESPONSIBILITIES: The Unit Director will focus significantly on policy initiatives to strengthen and expand health services and commodities at the LGU level. The Unit Director will manage the policy component of the project. The Unit Director will work closely with the two other Unit Directors for Local Government and for Family Planning and Health Systems. Duty station is Manila, Philippines.

**Other responsibilities will include the following:**

1. Supervise the implementation of all policy-related activities.
2. Provide policy guidance and technical leadership for project activities to help LGUs establish and carry out market transformation to strengthen the private sector at the LGU level, in terms of service delivery, commodities including contraceptive self-reliance, and improved policies related to private sector delivery of services at the LGU level.
3. In coordination with the Chief of Party and other designated team members, provide principal technical oversight for all policy studies, diagnostic and/or operations research studies; demonstration projects, training and technical assistance needed to formulate recommendations for policy reform measures covered under the contract.
4. Provide direct supervision and support for the analysis and development of policies to improve financing of LGUs as well as financial strategies and models the LGUs could use to mobilize additional funds for family planning and priority services.
5. Supervise and provide support to and receive policy and strategic advice on family planning from the Family Planning Policy Advisor.
6. Supervise and support the Market Development Advisor to strengthen private sector participation in services and commodity provision at the LGU level, including the related policy issues.
7. Coordinate the advocacy and policy support development initiatives by all designated members of the LEAD partners, seeking support from high-level Department of Health (DOH), Philippine Health Insurance Corporation and other national government agencies and private sector organizations for the technical areas covered under the contract. Ensure timely provision of feedback and guidance concerning the functioning and effectiveness of the various components of the contract.

**DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Master's level of education/training or its equivalent in Health Economics, Demography, Public Health, Health Administration, or a related field.
2. At least seven years successful previous experience working with national and local governments on the development and/or implementation of health programs both at the national and local levels in the developing world.
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# Control Officer

## Control Risk Assessment

(2 positions)

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- Preparing a control plan documenting how ADB will be implementing an integrated internal control framework, roles and responsibilities of various departments, work program and deliverables, and appropriate business units' terms of reference;
- Preparing a control guide explaining to all managers and other staff in ADB their responsibilities within the control framework and the work required to support their representation over the adequacy and appropriateness of internal control;
- Conducting staff training on internal control and integrated internal control framework; demonstrating on how to use the appropriate tools to support assertion on the adequacy of internal controls, e.g. Horizon risk management tool;
- Developing and evaluating control risk assessment documentation guidance and training; developing the control risk management template to be used in the business process reviews;
- Establishing an internal control risks assessment mechanism throughout ADB by coordinating the documentation of process flow and reports dispositions by user areas throughout ADB as a basis for the internal control assessment;
- Coordinating the periodical internal control assessment with the assistance of OAG and in cooperation with other pertinent offices in ADB, and preparing necessary reports addressing the strength and weaknesses in the process flow for financial data preparation impacting ADB's financial reports;
- Performing administrative functions, such as budgetary requirements, allocating work to maximize the efficiency and productivity of the work area, and evaluating the performance of subordinates; participating in procedural and organizational review and making recommendations as appropriate; participating in the formulation of the Section's goals and objectives and the related plans and programs;
- Coordinating, facilitating, obtaining and providing required information in accordance with established procedures, in a tactful manner; and
- Performing any other assignments as required, including the preparation of draft memoranda and external correspondence for supervisors' review.

### Reporting Arrangement

The positions report to the Financial Control Specialist, Financial Systems and Control Section, Controller's Department.

### Selection Criteria

- Suitability to undertake the responsibilities mentioned above at the required level;
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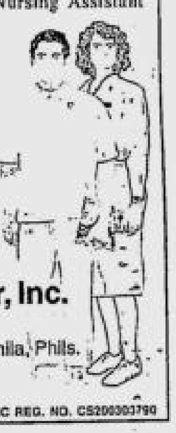

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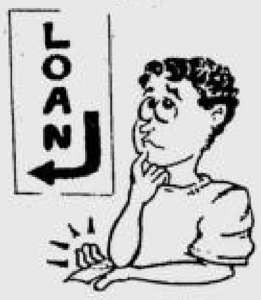
# What to do when 'enough' is never enough

BEST
Attitudes

**Text by Teresa Reyes Tunay**
**Illustration by Rolando Reyes**

WE work to be able to earn money to spend for our needs, whether we are just responsible for ourselves or for our family. With the increasing cost of nearly everything, sometimes we can not help but resort to loans. Especially when we have children in school, these months are usually high season for borrowing money because (we say) our salaries are never enough.

1 But have we really paused to examine this attitude? That we need to borrow because what we make is not enough? Has it ever occurred to you that perhaps it has become a fact for us because it's what we've allowed ourselves to think for so long? Is there really nothing left but to borrow when we haven't got enough?



2 We know of people in the office who have practically nothing left as take home pay because of salary deductions going to loans, among other things.

3 It would not damage us much, we suppose, if the loan is occasional and we are truly able to pay it off on time. That means our desires, side by side with our money management skills, are still based on realistic calculations.

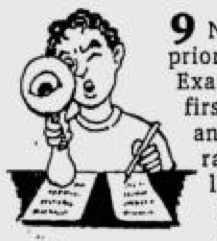
4 But what about those who seem to survive on "cash advance," salary loans, educational loans, hospitalization loans, car loans, housing loans, etc.? Sometimes, they even take more loans to pay for other loans. Sounds funny but it's true.

5 Plagued with multiple and endless loans they do not even realize that these loans are keeping them in bondage. Living on loans is living beyond one's means; it is also gambling something that you do not really have yet—your future.

6 When borrowing money is our only solution to an inadequate salary, we are throwing away our freedom—to move, to decide, to enjoy our earning power—because we already spend our money before we even earn it!

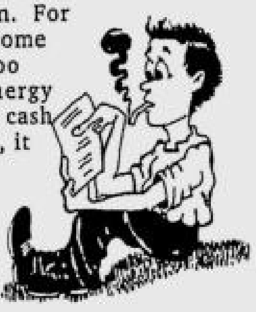
7 It's not healthy to work to pay off debts—this can even get us stuck to a job that stifles our growth, like Mr. IOU, who puts up with so much mediocrity at work because he's neck deep in debt with the company.

8 If you find yourself in this rut, know that you can still get out of it. Free yourself! So many others have done it before, why can't you? Here's a very simple, basic approach to ending your bondage: divide a piece of paper into two columns. On one column write down the things you spend on, and on the other, jot down your income sources.



9 Now, prioritize. Examine the first column and rearrange the list. You may color code it with a highlighter—red for "musts" like food, tuition fees, etc., and down the line to, say, yellow for "dispensables," like cigarettes, etc.

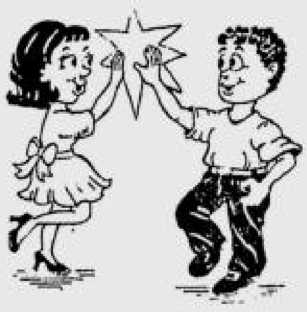
10 Then, check out the income sources column and color code the items too, depending on the ROI (return of investment) of each item. For example, if an income source demands too much time and energy but yields so little cash or psychic income, it gets low priority.



11 The purpose of this exercise is to shorten your expenditure list and to expand the income sources list. To accomplish this takes a lot of self-examination, and a strong determination to liberate yourself from unnecessary stress arising from unhealthy spending habits.

12 For instance, be prepared to cross out dispensables like cigarettes, weekly fine dining, etc. Then, you will also have to take stock of yourself and see what other skills or money-making potentials you have that remain untapped. See what you really would like to do if you weren't stuck in that measly job: venture into buy and sell, open up a *lugawan*, take on consultancies, etc.

13 If you truly care for the future of the loved ones you claim to work so hard for, you'll straighten out your present, now. You might be spurred by the reality that spending money before it is earned is some kind of an addiction—see how people have killed and been killed over loans?



14 It's not easy, because it asks you to be honest with yourself, and that's like facing the mirror naked—you're never really satisfied with what you see. It's really tough, but the rewards are so worthwhile that you'll end up smacking yourself and crying, "Why didn't I do this sooner?"

# Employees in multinational firm want financial independence

**By Ernie O. Cecilia**

**ASK YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR**

**I HAVE read your previous columns on compulsive borrowing and how to make both ends meet. I find the tips very useful, particularly on spending and saving.**

**I am 40, a mother of three and don't have any savings at all. My husband and I are both employees in the same multinational company. More and more, I am convinced that our jobs are not really permanent, after seeing many employees from large multinationals lose their jobs over the years. The possibility of losing my job begins to worry me and tells me that I might not achieve my lifelong dream.**

**As a mother, I have always dreamed of experiencing financial independence for my family. Like all parents, my husband and I want to give our children a better future, by managing our finances well. My husband is a manager and I am a supervisor. Our collective income allowed us to have a house, a car, appliances and other conveniences. Of course, we have mortgages for the house and the car. While we are able to pay our mortgages, credit cards and other debts, we can hardly save, except whatever is left in our ATM cards before the next payday.**

**Please give us specific tips towards achieving financial independence, particularly on how I can manage my expenses in order to save money for my children's future.**

**Ambitious Mother**

Thank you for your e-mail and congratulations for having the ambition to be financially independent. You are in good company, as millions of people at work want to achieve the same state of economic well-being you wish to have, except that most of them either don't know how or don't make a move towards financial independence.

I am not sure if we have the same understanding of the term "financial independence," so I will try to clarify it. Experts, like Mr. Francisco J. Colayco, usually define it as the ability to "maintain the lifestyle you choose without having to work actively."

Financial independence means that you don't have to worry where to get the money to finance your usual expenses because you have a source of income other than your work, in your case and that of your husband. It also means that you have a "passive" source of income—usually income from your investments or earning as-

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## *Worrying too much*

**By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD**

WORK sometimes causes us to worry, which in turn makes us anxious, troubled or even mentally distressed. Our feelings of inadequacy due to insufficient training and preparation for the jobs we have accepted make us feel uneasy and insecure about our performance in the workplace. Strained relationships with coworkers or with management could also be emotionally draining for the worker. When work is simply too much for one's energies and abilities or when there is not enough time to accomplish the expected work output, the worker will certainly worry too much and will eventually get sick or even give up his work. He needs, therefore, to find the remedy against excessive worrying so as not to be fatally affected by it.

Jesus presents the remedy in today's Gospel, by encouraging us to believe and trust in the Father who loves us so much and who so meticulously cares for us that "even all the hairs of our head are counted" by Him. Indeed, no human offers such fatherly care which God has for each one of us. God's care is so personal and concrete that it seems unbelievable. Yet, our humble acceptance of this reality that God's great love for each one of us is so real, will give us an authentic assurance, peace and serenity not only in the workplace but in our lives as well.

The worker who believes deeply in his heart that God is just there at his side, eager to assist and guide him as a father would his child, will feel so secure that he will work to the best of his ability and will not lose his hair worrying too much. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL**

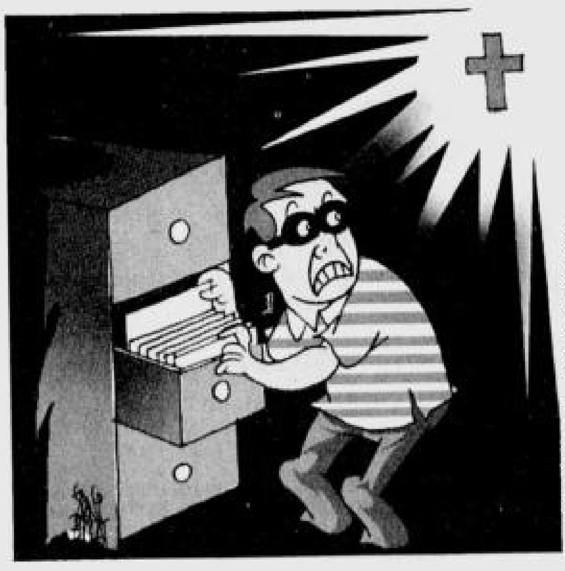
## *Why people cheat, steal and lie*

**By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS**

WHY do you think people cheat, steal or lie? Okay, okay, that's too complicated a matter to tackle here—psychologists and their ilk can fill the whole Library of Congress with volumes on that—but surely you agree we can go straight to the root of things just by zeroing in on today's Gospel?

Jesus' point is—nothing escapes the Father's knowledge. Ponder this: If He's your Father, then you are His child. He knows you, His child, and wants only the best for you. At the workplace, believing this makes sense. It protects you from wrongdoing, and strengthens you at times you are tempted to pilfer office supplies, "doctor the books," or call in sick when you're just out golfing. Knowing you are cared for by a powerful Father (who's so loving He takes note of dying birds, too) gives you extraordinary confidence, and takes unnecessary worry and anxiety off your head. Knowing and believing that your Father also knows you to the point of having counted your hairs (isn't that mind-boggling?) will also remind you that you can't hide anything from your Father; therefore, as a grateful child, you naturally do what is right in His eyes.

People cheat, steal and lie (yes, and that includes presidents, CEOs, etc.) because they have lost this faith in the Father's providence and presence. They only have faith in themselves. Whatever excuses they make, that's the truth: they have lost that "child-ness" that empowers all of us to tap into, and benefit from, the Source of all abundance. They only trust human powers, and mere human powers, despite commendable appearances, only lead to destruction. (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)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**Gospel. Matthew: 10:26-33**
*Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted.*

## What's inside

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# Engineer smells success from bath soaps

**By Litz Lorena**
*Contributor*

IN THE mid-'80s, Beato H. Griarte Jr. applied his engineering skills and knowledge of chemistry to blend bath soap. The result enhanced the local soap-making technology that even housewives learned how to make quality soap for household use. The product caught the fancy of many.

Griarte soon improved the bath soap formulation using plant extracts and essences in collaboration with some of their enterprising graduates of soap making at the Technology and Livelihood Resource Center (TLRC). Later, Loleng Aveno, one of his students in bath soap making, successfully developed the papaya soap. Together with Emerita Beltran, a chemist and resource person at TLRC, they further tried green papaya extracts and came up with another popular blend. This led them to try a variety of fruits and medicinal herbs with considerable success. Then President Corazon C. Aquino encouraged them to try various essential oils as well. "This sort of revolutionized soap making in our country," says Griarte. "From then on, varied herbal soap products were born."

One product engineering led to the other. Now, we see these green and orange papaya soap bars ubiquitously displayed in supermarket stalls. Both the small and big soap manufacturers cashed in on the trend.

But Griarte took a step ahead of the rest. He kept on experimenting on new blends, with the help of his wife. Today, the couple has about 30 different scents and blends in their line of homemade herbal soap: the original papaya, red and pink tomato, oatmeal and milk, patchouli, eucalyptus, guava, and many others. All blends make use of coconut oil as base, which ingredient makes the lather smooth and the soap safe to use even by those with delicate skin.

"Dati, *kutsa-kutsara lang and tantiyahan sa paggawa ng sabon*. (We used to measure ingredients for making soap by spoonfuls.) Today, we harness the functions of chemistry—why soap bubbles, why it forms and hardens—and other chemical applications—additives, builders, fillers—as well as product engineering to enhance commercial value," says Griarte.

For the benefit of small soap makers, he designed some prototype equipment such as mixers, cutters, trays and auxiliary tools. A home-based soap maker can do business with only P25,000 initial capital, and recover his investment in no time at all. Kitchen utensils, like a blender, may be used to extract aromatic essences or oils that one needs.

Griarte says only three percent of any extracted herbal essence is needed in making soap. "It doesn't cost much to convert the food value of a fruit or plant into cosmetic value," he says. "Then you get skin whitening and bleaching agents, pimple removers, moisturizers, and many more."

With his improved formulation and equipment fabrication, Griarte can say that he has arrived. But he doesn't crow about these accomplishments. He has an inventor's award for herbal products soap making. More than that, perhaps, is the attention he gets from key agencies of the United Nations. In 1995, the United Nations Development Programme consulted him on bath soap manufacturing, and sent him to Phnom Penh, Cambodia to assist a soap-making project there. The following year, he served as consultant to another bath soap manufacturing project in Thailand.

GRIARTE

Late in 2003, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization took him to Amman, Jordan to help them develop bath soaps made of olive oil, an abundant raw material in that kingdom. He was also commissioned to train the trainers in Ajloun who, in turn, will teach village women how to make soap. Also part of his contract was to oversee the production of his prototype soap-making equipment for the project processing centers and the initial commercial production of the trained beneficiaries.

Griarte considers his stint in Jordan a high point in his career, especially so because he succeeded in fixing the formulation for olive oil-based soap where others failed. "Olive oil is delicate. It needs proper handling and precise processing to make it suitable for soap unlike our coconut oil," he explains. He did a good job in Jordan, obviously. Says he: "The king was pleased with the soap-making project. He has earmarked 20 percent of Jordan's oil earnings to fund similar programs throughout the kingdom."

Griarte's love affair with bath soaps began in 1979. He was assigned then to prepare a paper on the Philippine soap industry. He did a thorough research. "That paper is still part of our soap industry data bank today," he avers. But the door to soap manufacture opened to him only in the mid-'80s. He joined TLRC in 1984 as a technical consultant to develop chemical-based training courses: candle making, cosmetics, detergents and laundry soap manufacturing among them.

"Our soap making course became the talk of the town, especially so when papaya soap came about and we started using other herbal extracts as specialty ingredient," he says. Several graduates of their training programs hit it big in the export market. And this development made the soap-making courses at TLRC ever popular. Says he: "The local soap-making industry has gone a long way. *Marami nang natulungan, marami nang nag*-innovate, *marami nang* players... other engineers have joined in the work." (A lot of people have already gained much from soap making, many have introduced innovations, and there are many players already...)

Meantime, Griarte did not let go of his own affair with soap, despite his heavy workload at TLRC where he is officer-in-charge of the Training and Information Services Group. "I got identified more with the technical aspect of soap making, because I am a chemical engineer. I did my best to contribute to its growth," he avers.

How does he asses his agency's part in the growth of local soap manufacturing? "In a nutshell, TLRC has introduced an entrepreneurial side of soap manufacture that is well-engineered... which has improved the commercial value of the product."

How fare his romance with bath soap? "My life has changed. As a TLRC officer, I became a little bit more sought after. It's because soap is a commodity that everyone uses. And, the beauty of soap making is its adaptability to village-sized enterprises. The Kingdom of Jordan, for one, has high regard for this type of an enterprise."

What would life be for him outside government service? "I will continue with my advocacy for technology transfer to those who need my expertise... A consultant will always have an edge over newcomers in the field because of his background, experience, and meaningful lessons learned over the years."

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# Study shows that a boring job is bad for the heart

WASHINGTON—Dull, steady, unexciting jobs may make the heart beat in an unchanging, rapid rhythm—which in turn could lead to heart disease, British researchers reported on Monday.

They found that men with "low-grade jobs," meaning they had little control over daily tasks, and men in low social positions had faster and less-variable heart rates.

"This finding helps explain why men with low-paying jobs and less education have a higher risk for heart disease, a trend that has been evident for the last 30 years," said Dr. Harry Hemingway, of University College London Medical School, who led the study.

"The heart doesn't, or shouldn't, beat like a metronome," Hemingway said in a statement. A healthy heart rate varies, he said.

His team studied 2,197 men aged 45 to 68 who worked for the British government, and talked to them about friends and family, education and lifestyle. Job control was rated on a 15-item scale.

Steadier, faster heart rates were consistently seen in the men with lower social positions, less job control and higher depression.

Writing in the journal Circulation, Hemingway and colleagues said they found that heart rates of men in low-level positions were an average 3.2 beats per minute faster than men in top-level positions.

"Arteries behave as if they know how much a person makes and how much education they have had," Hemingway said.

The effect was clear even after taking into account factors such as smoking, poor diet and lack of exercise—all of which also can adversely affect heart rate, Hemingway said.

It may be possible to help prevent heart disease by changing workplace conditions, Hemingway said. "We hope this information provides insight into the mechanisms at work so that there is a possibility for interventions that will change this outcome," he said. ***Reuters***

# Employees in multinational firm want financial independence

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sets that come to you regularly without you personally having to work.

Today, your total family income is able to sustain a lifestyle that you and your husband have chosen for you and your family. This means that with your current income, you are able to spend for the things you need and want. (For purposes of illustrating what financial independence is, let us say that your average family expense is P30,000 per month or P360,000 per year.)

When you say that you want to be financially independent, you must be able to have an investment or accumulated assets that will earn P30,000 per month or P360,000 per year, to sustain your own lifestyle. Financial independence means that you shall have reached a point in your life when you don't have to work to provide for your needs. Your assets or investments will provide you with the means to sustain your lifestyle.

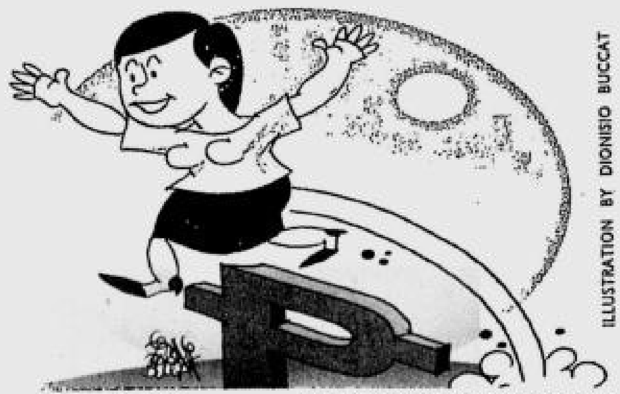
Therefore, if you want to reach that stage of financial independence, assuming your current level of lifestyle, you must be able to amass assets or investments that will give you a passive income of P30,000 per month. If investments (government securities, for example) will earn 10 percent per year net of taxes, you must have at least P3.6 million worth of earning assets or investments to assure you of financial independence.

### Earning assets

Now, how on earth will you accumulate that amount? When can you be financially independent? Where do you start? People who have not seen a million pesos in their hand or bank account need not worry, because financial independence can be a reality at any age, if you know how.

It starts with defining your financial goal. If you want to be financially independent by age 65, or 25 years from now, you may start saving an amount every month that will accumulate to P3.6 million in 25 years. In your case, assuming your savings will earn 10 percent interest per year, the amount you need to save will be less than P10,000 monthly. If you and your husband are earning P50,000 per month, the amount you need to save is less than 20 percent of your collective income, something that is easily achievable.

Of course, you have to factor in inflation, possible peso devaluation and other economic considerations. To know the actual amount of savings required, you will need a more accurate computation of annuities. What I have only tried to illustrate is the fact that financial independence can be achieved, but you need to manage your earning, spending, saving and investing.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### Play later

You indicated that you have no savings at all at this time. If you want financial independence in the years to come, you will have to find ways to adjust your current monthly expenses. Remember the saying, "Play now, pay later. Pay now, play later."

Saving a part of your income is the key to accumulating wealth. If you started saving when you were only 30, perhaps you would need to save only half of what you should save now that you are 40, in order to achieve the same level of financial independence by age 65. How is that possible? Credit that to the effects of "compound interest" — man's greatest invention, according to Einstein.

Most people find it difficult to save—in fact, many end up spending more than they earn. Since you are asking for tips, let me give you 18 practical ways to reduce your expenses so that you can regularly save part of your income:

- Rent a VCD or DVD instead of going to the movies with the family.
- Eat at home, instead of eating out.
- No new clothes, but mix and match old ones.
- Text instead of call when using cell phone.
- Avoid unnecessary or nonessential personal expenses.
- Let family go to public concerts, instead of expensive recreation.
- Go to public parks for sports and exercise, instead of private gyms.
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- Offer barter services or exdeals when contracting repair services.
- When going out, use carpool, jeep or bus.
- Eliminate vices like smoking, drinking, gambling.
- Recycle old gifts or make your gifts instead of buying them.
- Borrow books, cassettes, VCDs or DVDs instead of renting.
- Re-upholster old furniture.
- Enlist your family's cooperation to spend less.
- When you have the urge to go out, stay home and read.
- Eliminate household help or reduce their work hours.
- Restructure your debts, if any, to avoid excessive interest or penalties

### Hard to implement

Usually, it is easy for people to verbalize that they want financial independence. It is the doing that is harder. But, it all starts in the mind. You must realize that the mind is powerful—things you see in this world are made twice, first mentally and then physically. By the way, many people have realized that goals are best achieved when they are written on paper, not just thought of. So, start writing your financial goal—"to be financially independent by age 65 ... or any other age; to save 20 percent of our total monthly income, etc."

Financial independence is not just a state of mind—it is a state of economic well-being that you can experience. You and your husband must agree on your long-term financial goals—the level of lifestyle you want, the savings you have to regularly make, the investments to make, and the timetables.

You may have to make personal sacrifices now, in favor of future financial independence. After all, sometimes real "wealth consists not in the magnitude of possessions, but in the fewness of wants."

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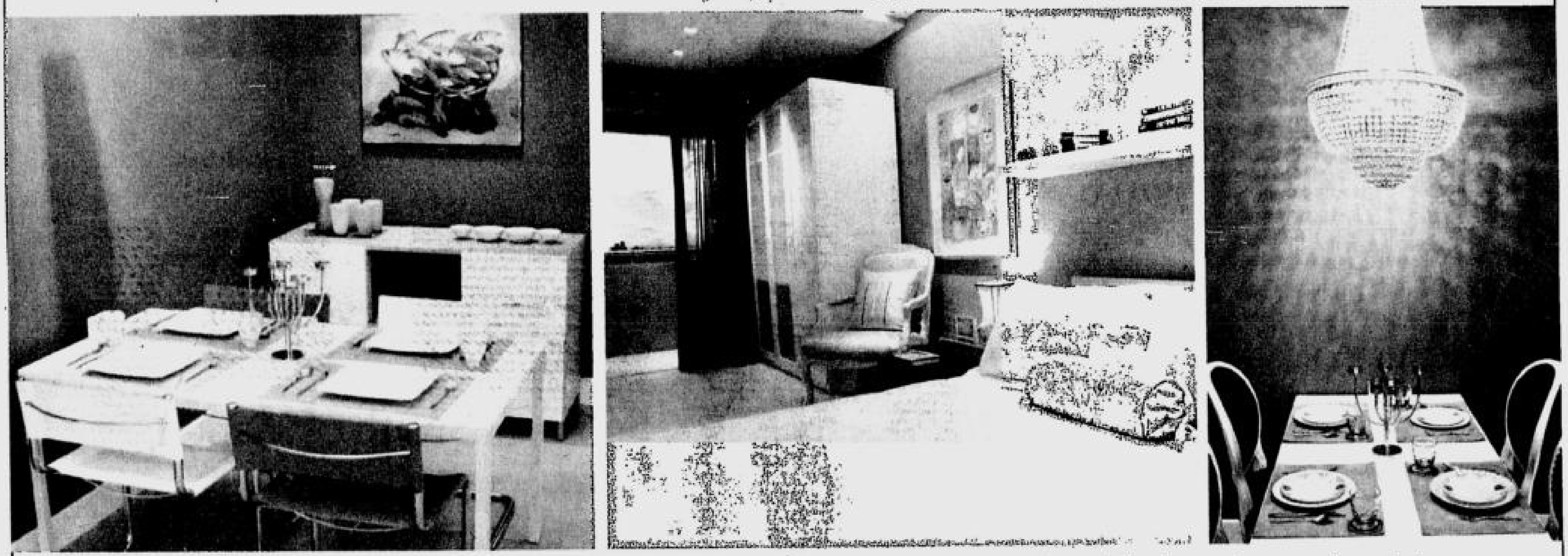

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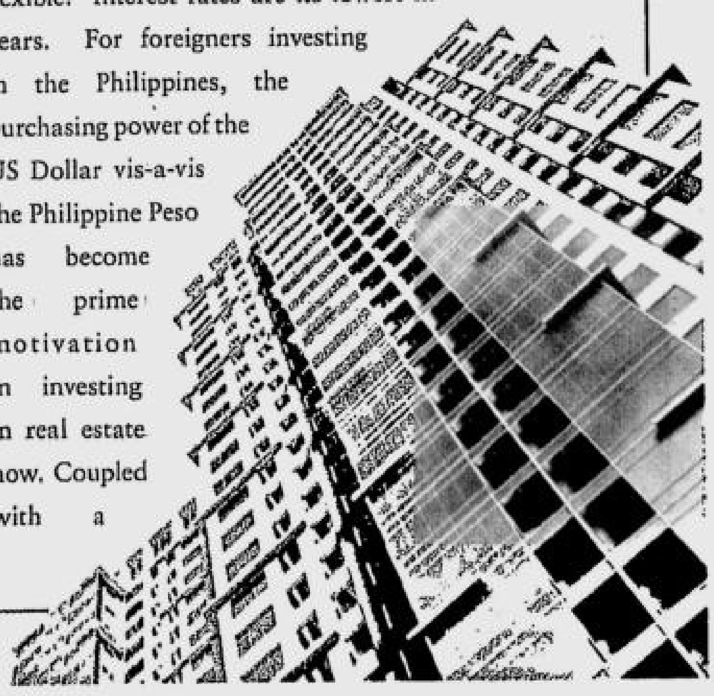

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SOMA is five minutes from Market! Market! and is located at the Bonifacio South District. It is also very near the most upscale villages and sports clubs in the nation such as Forbes Park, Dasmarinas Village, the Manila Golf Club and the Polo Club. Among the more popular dining and entertainment venues near SOMA include: McDonalds, Jollibee, Starbucks, MC Home Depot, Pancake House, Pizza Hut, the NBC tent and the Embassy Super Club. Soon to rise in the city is a brand new St. Luke's hospital, a church, and an office hub composed of several office buildings.

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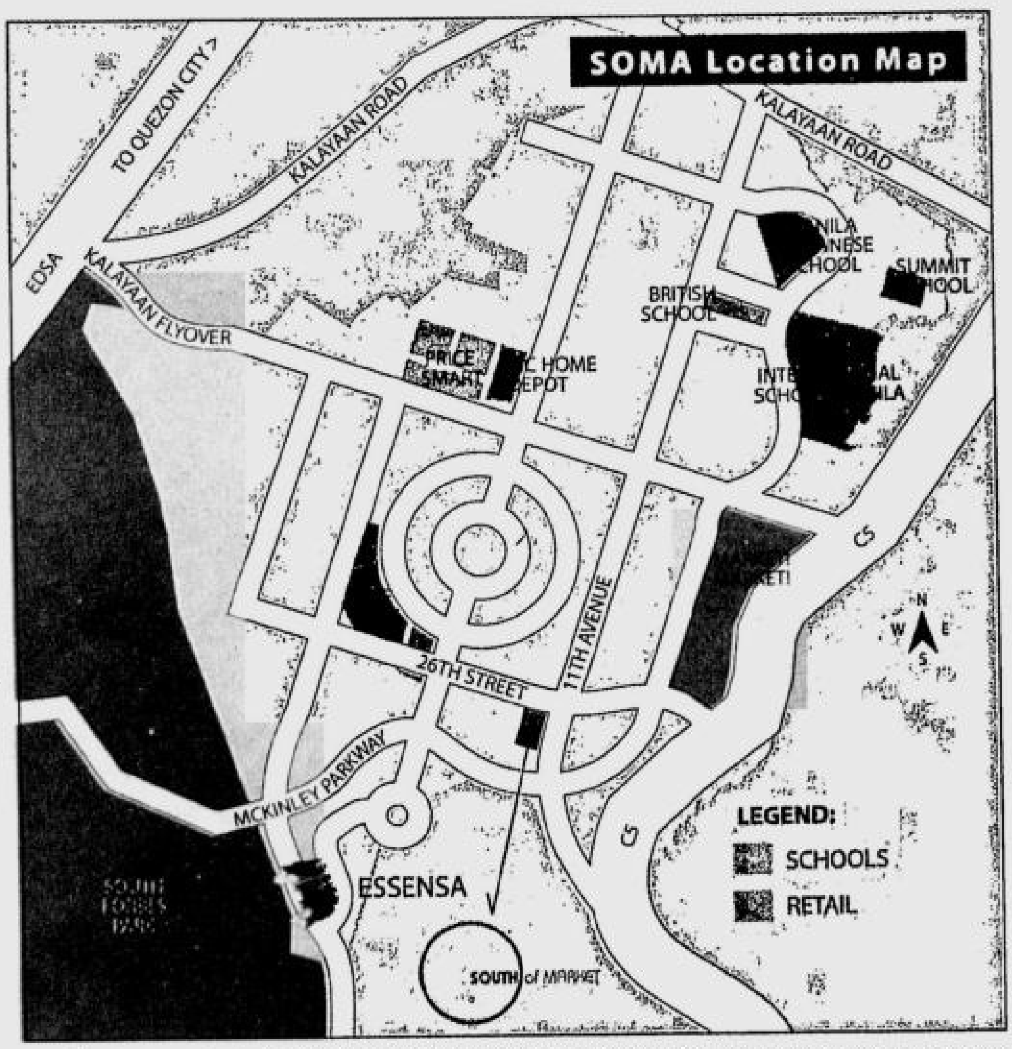
SOMA Location Map

For the ultimate in cosmopolitan living, all residents in SOMA get to enjoy outstanding facilities such as concierge and doorman services, a THX movie theatre, an owner's lounge, a game room, a health and fitness center and a swimming pool. There will also be a commercial area at the ground floor that will offer distinct and essential services to SOMA residents.

As explained by Century's Chief Operating Officer John Victor R. Antonio, "SOMA is the first-building in the country that comes fully-fitted and completely furnished. With other condos, residents still have to hire an interior designer, buy appliances, purchase fixtures and hire a contractor to install everything. This entire process takes anywhere from 6 months to 1 year. Not so with SOMA

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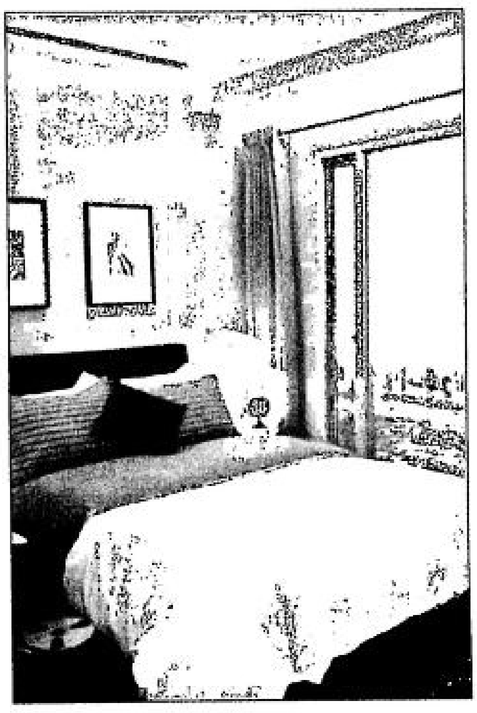
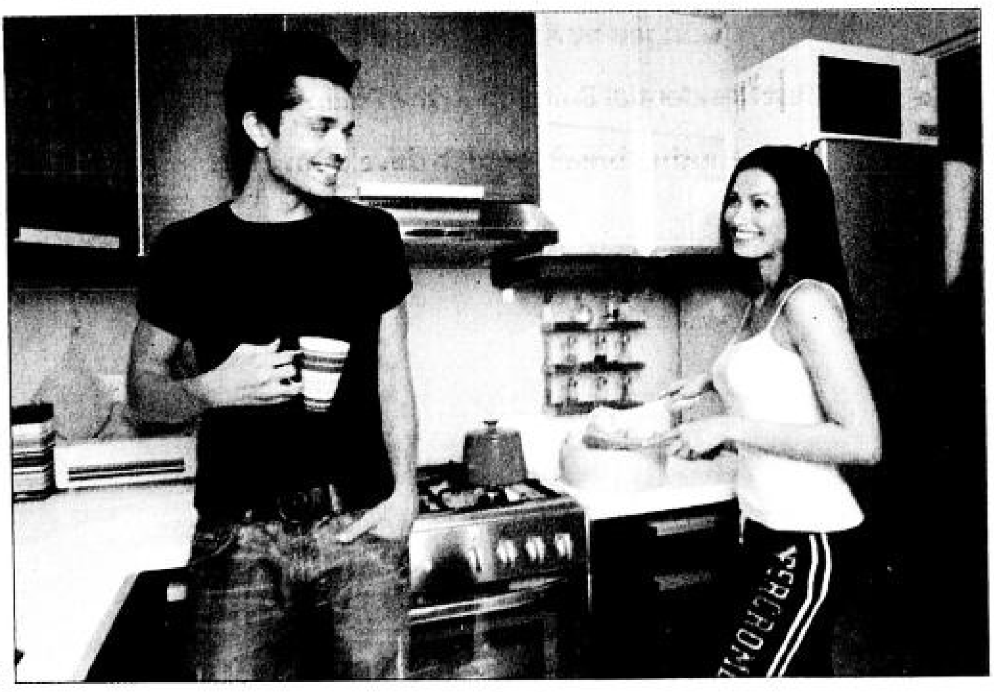
South of Market Model Unit Photos clockwise: Living and Dining Area, Guest Bedroom, Master's Bedroom and Gourmet Kitchen.





— buyers can start living in their units the day we turn over the project to them."

"Appliances, fixtures and furnishings are very costly. By incorporating these into each unit at SOMA, we take away a lot of the worry and headache away from our clients," adds John Antonio.

## THE FASTEST SELLING PROJECT AT THE FORT

SOMA is for smart buyers who wish to get a more luxurious home while investing in a much lower price. Unit prices start at only P 2.7 million and come with very attractive payment terms. Compared to nearest competition, SOMA offers 30% more value in terms of furniture and fixtures, while being priced 30% lower than competition. "Since our soft launch in late 2004, we have sold over 320 units. All of our clients have come to realize the exceptional value that SOMA offers," remarks Antonio.

SOMA is also exceptionally well received by expat Filipinos. "Filipinos who work abroad appreciate all the perks and conveniences that SOMA offers. For example, investors in the US treasure the fact that they do not have to spend time and money decorating and furnishing their units. Once SOMA is turned over to them, they can immediately lease their units out and earn income from Day 1," adds Antonio.

"There are over 9 million Filipinos working abroad. There is nothing compared to retiring in the Philippines or having a second home here. The cost of living is low, the weather is great, and the people are one of the friendliest in the world", concludes John Antonio.

Dollar earners are beginning to realize that because of the high cost of living abroad, the foreign money they earn goes a long way if they invest a unit in the Philippines. According to Meridien Chief Executive Officer Ricardo P. Cuerva, "The dollar vis-a-vis our peso affords Filipino overseas workers a much better lifestyle which they cannot afford or enjoy if the same money is spent abroad."

Because of this, Soma becomes a better choice for these Filipino expats. "The world class environment of Fort Bonifacio, coupled with SOMA's high security and first class amenities offers these expats the perfect lifestyle that they have been accustomed to," adds Cuerva.

Only a few residences in the Philippines can capture the lifestyle of today's smart city dweller. "You can never ask for a more ideal value proposition. SOMA is undeniably the best buy around," concludes Cuerva.

Superior furnishings included in each unit are: Air-conditioning units per bedroom; Kitchen Set including kitchen cabinetry, refrigerator, cooktop, oven, rangehood, microwave; Living Room set including sofa, coffee table and chairs, Sony 21" flatscreen TV, DVD player, entertainment sound system; Dining Room set including a dining table and chairs and bedframes in each bedroom.

South of Market has special cocktail events every 1st and 3rd week of the month at the Ground Floor, Pacific Star Building, Sen. Gil Puyat corner Makati Avenue, Makati City. For more information please call 818 9025 or 893 2050

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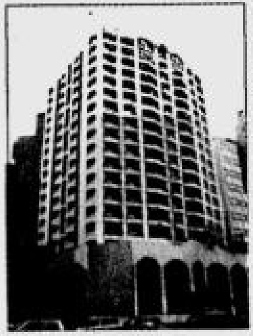
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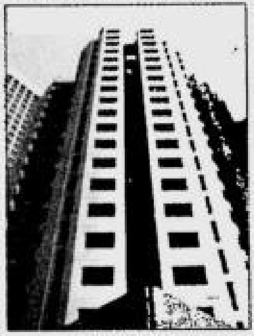
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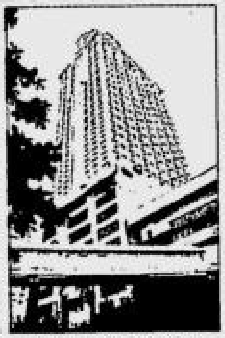
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Century Properties Inc. (CPI) together with its development partner Meridien Development Group (MDG) is probably the most dynamic and innovative group in local real estate today. Since 1986, the partnership has continuously challenged the conventional concepts of real estate by breaking new ground and creating whole new experiences for clients. It has created the most distinct developments the market has seen — from unprecedented architectural landmarks like Essensa to fully-furnished condominiums like Soma; from Medical Plazas to complete Transportation-Oriented Developments.

"Property is the strongest and most universal interest of mankind," says MDG CEO Ricardo P. Cuerva. "It is everybody's dream to own a home and it is our inspiration to be a significant part of it by offering people distinctive and unique addresses," adds CPI-MDG Chairman Jose E. B. Antonio.

Over the past decade, the Filipinos' taste in choosing a place to call home has evolved dramatically. Apart from the invaluable elements of location and value — family lifestyles, luxury and convenience have come to fore. "It is crucial that you anticipate market trends and respond to lifestyle changes," says Antonio.

## ROCK SOLID REPUTATION

Through real estate booms and busts, the Century Properties Group has survived and excelled by innovating with the times. "We have gone through 4 real estate cycles. And what we have learned is that you have to embrace the bust years as much as the boom years. When a company survives the bust cycle, then you know it is a sold company," declares Antonio. While numerous real estate companies have gone by the wayside during the Asian Crisis, Century has steadfastly remained on top by constantly innovating.

But over and above the expertise, innovative leadership and developmental excellence, CPI-MDG owe the success of their companies and developments to the myriad of talents they hold dearly. Every person who works for the group, from its seasoned executives to its highly motivated real estate and technical staff down to its construction workers share a common goal: **Service Excellence.**

"We pride ourselves on the relationships we have built over the years — with our employees, clients, architects, suppliers and designers," concludes Cuerva.

## PORTFOLIO OF HIGH QUALITY REAL ESTATE

CPI-MDGI's list of quality developments include: Le Triomphe, Le Metropole, Le Domaine, Pacific Place, Medical Plaza Makati and Ortigas, West Of Ayala, Oxford Suites, One Magnificent Mile and Essensa East Forbes.

Apart from SOMA, current developments include: the **Bel-Air Soho** in Makati, a boutique residential condominium that epitomizes chic urban living, and **Soho Central** in Mandaluyong, the first Transportation Oriented Development in the country. Soho Central is a joint venture with Unilab-Greenfield and will be the first residential condo in the new Greenfield district in Mandaluyong City. On top of that, the group has expanded its reach and has introduced its first House & Lot community in the San Lazaro Leisure Park in Carmona called **Canyon Ranch.**

## LARGEST PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Century Properties Management Inc. (CPMI) is the largest property management company in the country. As property managers, CPMI provides management service to properties as well as offers a full range of property management services including pre-development advisory to post-leasing services for completed units.

"By providing property management services, we ensure that our clients and partners are fully taken cared of — from project inception to project completion," says Century Properties Group Chairman Jose E. B. Antonio.

At the moment, CPMI has over 40 buildings under its care. Among its list of prominent clients include: the Pacific Star Building in Makati, the Globe Telecom Headquarters in Mandaluyong, the Alexandra Condo Complex in Ortigas, the Export Bank Plaza in Makati, the UCPB Head office in Makati, the BPI Headquarters in Buendia, the Astoria Hotel in Ortigas and Essensa East Forbes in Fort Bonifacio.

According its Senior Vice President Pol Navarro, CPMI manages both Century-Meridien developed projects as well as third party properties. Developers like Megaworld, BPI, Universal Rightfield, Millenium Properties, Antel and New World Properties have chosen CPMI to manage its properties because of the vast experience and expertise the company possesses.

"We manage our own developments because we want to keep the capital values of the assets for many years. Home buyers feel confident and secure knowing that the units they are buying will be managed by the largest property management company in the country," adds Navarro.

From a fledging start-up company of 30, Century and Meridien have grown to a group that now encompasses over 3,000 employees. And with a landmark development Essensa East Forbes at its helm, the group has indeed proven its merit in the real estate industry.

ON-GOING PROJECTS:

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> "What we strive for determines not only our vision, but our destiny. Nothing expands possibilities more than innovative thinking."
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> – Century Properties Group Chairman Jose E. B. Antonio

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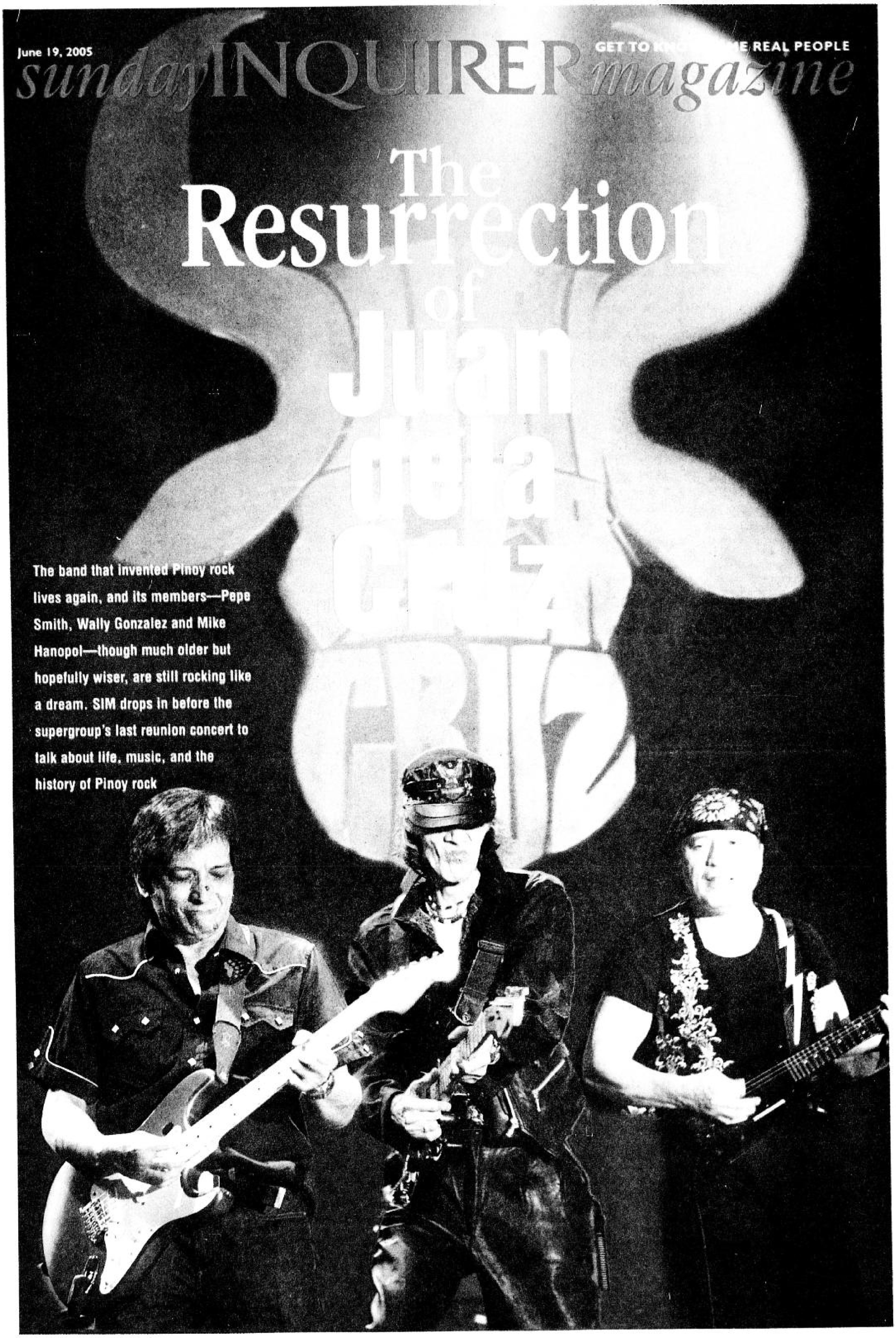

# The Resurrection of Juan de la Cruz

The band that invented Pinoy rock lives again, and its members—Pepe Smith, Wally Gonzalez and Mike Hanopol—though much older but hopefully wiser, are still rocking like a dream. SIM drops in before the supergroup's last reunion concert to talk about life, music, and the history of Pinoy rock

*by Eric S. Caruncho*
*photo illustration by Ernie U. Sarmiento*

> *"You're never too old to rock 'n' roll*
> *if you're too young to die."*
> - Some old dude in a band called Jethro Tull

**SOMEONE should build a shrine.**

**Or put up a plaque.**

**Or something.**

**People ought to know the exact spot where, a third of a century ago, the Juan de la Cruz Band invented Pinoy rock.**

"I wrote it in the toilet," recalls Joey "Pepe" Smith. "Twenty minutes before going onstage. I was on acid at the time—Pink Elephants."

"It" is, of course, "*Himig Natin*," the unofficial anthem and harbinger of an entire genre of popular music that would only much later become known as "Pinoy rock."

On Dec. 5, 1972, rock impresario Dodie Gonzalez put up a concert at the Rizal Park Observatory. Headlining was the Juan de la Cruz Band, which had been whittled down from a five-piece to a lean-and-mean power trio, in the manner of Cream and the Jimi Hendrix Experience—not to mention Blue Cheer—with Dodie's brother Wally on lead guitar, Joey Smith on drums and Mike Hanopol on bass. Presciently, the concert was billed "*Himig Natin.*"

Exactly two years before, Dodie Gonzalez had produced the Antipolo Rock Music Festival, for all intents and purposes a blatant re-enactment of the Woodstock peace-and-love vibe, with the leading bands at the time.

As if to underscore the similarity,

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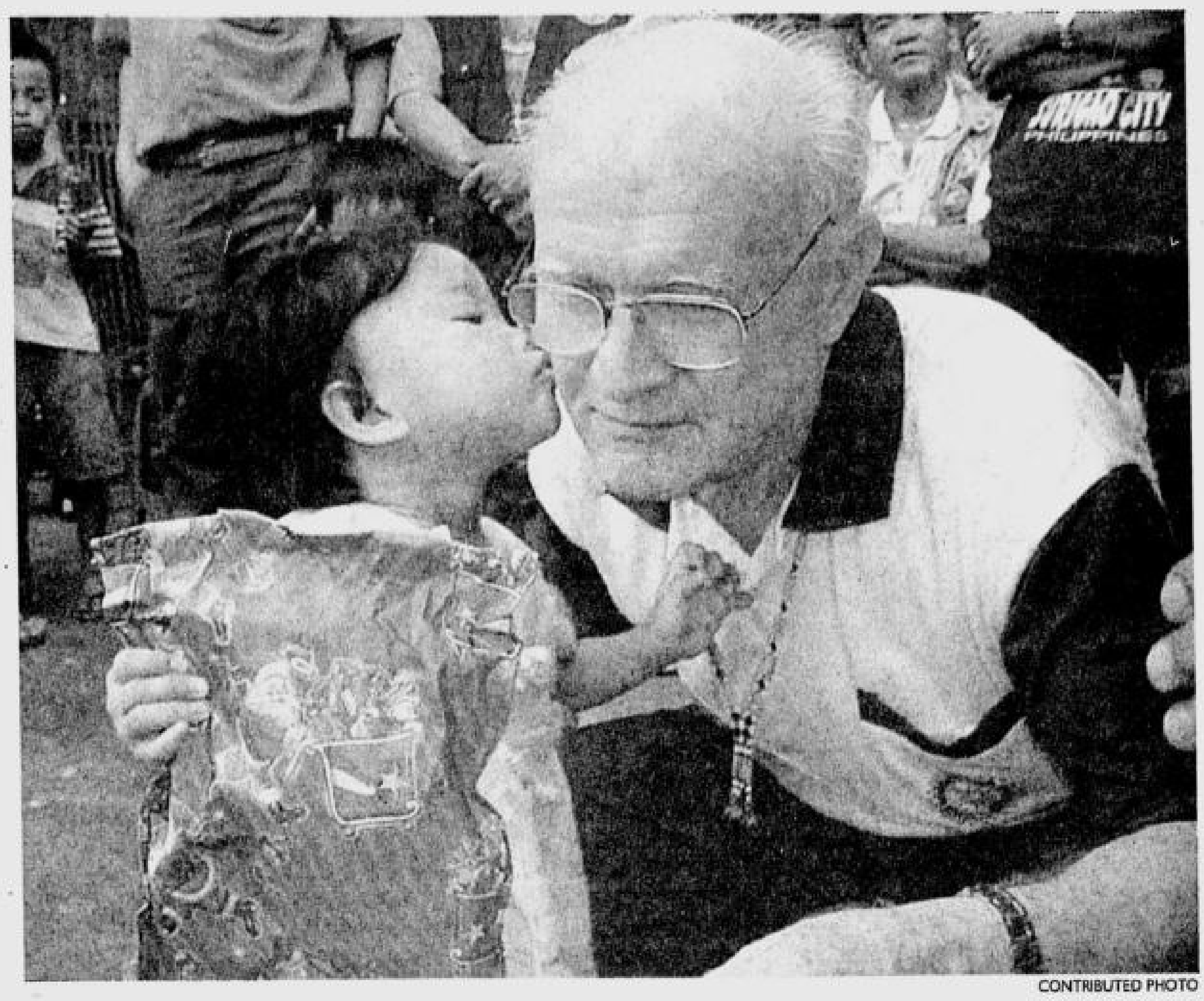
Pinoy Connection

*by Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz*

# Finding Love—And Spreading It

**This former priest and missionary found his life's work helping Filipino children get an education and overcome disabilities. Along the way, he discovered the joys of a "working retirement"**



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**HE is as Pinoy as videoke, which, in fact, Dutch national Gerard Rikken has taken to indulging in as soon as it gets dark in Bislig, Surigao, and the staff of the Loving Presence Foundation, Inc. (LPFI) has trekked home.**

The 70-year-old former Carmelite priest runs the Foundation, a learning center for special children that also offers rehabilitation services, organizes medical missions, and trains paramedics from the surrounding communities.

The full time job is Rikken's definition of retirement, which he originally envisioned as time spent enjoying nature in a 16-hectare family farm planted with fruit trees. But in 1997, while working on a reforestation project for Leaf Foundation in Bislig, he saw a boy who would change his plans.

"The boy was about 16 or 17," Rikken recalls. "He was mentally retarded and had cerebral palsy, and his parents had put him inside a cage. I thought to myself, 'Here I am taking care of trees, but what about people?'" His thoughts brought him to the local Social Welfare office where he was told that there was simply no government budget for special children and that their only resource was the family.

Using what he had learned from decades of doing pastoral work in hospitals, factories and parishes in the Netherlands and the Philippines, Rikken wrote donor groups abroad for funds and cobbled together enough money for a SPED learning center for children with hearing and visual impairments, autism and mental handicaps. The center started in a small private room but is now integrated with the public elementary school in Mangagoy, Bislig. He and his staff of social workers and physical therapists organized the surrounding communities into a support system with 250 volunteers who refer persons with disabilities, particularly children, for education, medical services, skills training and livelihood.

## Different mentality

"We are not a medical but an educational institute," Rikken says of Loving Presence Foundation. "But we want to get rid of the usual 'sit them in a corner and feed them' mentality so common among families of the disabled." The Foundation, he adds, also wants to make government aware of its responsibility towards these children.

With the basic mechanisms in place, LPFI is now slowly turning over its work to the LGU's Office of Persons with Disabilities Affairs. So far, Bislig's City Health Office has hired four physical therapists, the LPFI's Executive Director says. The Foundation itself has expanded, enabling it to serve as many as 4,000 persons with disabilities, half of whom are children. From having only two volunteer workers when it started in 1999, LPF now has 35 workers in Bislig and in San Francisco, Agusan.

Doing community work is nothing new to Rikken, who first came to the Philippines in 1963 to do missionary work. "My colleagues in Escalante, Negros told me they needed somebody who was good in English, physics and Home Economics," he recalls. Rikken volunteered, thinking that Economics was the same as Home Economics. And that was how he wound up teaching Economics instead at the Asian Social Institute (ASI), where he met and later married Remmy Ignacio.

"She was very lively," he says of Remmy, who was then involved in social action work among farmers in Tagum, Davao. "We're complete opposites. I'm very quiet and peaceful while she, by her own admission, is *burara* (totally disorganized)." At 37, she was also very grounded. "She didn't mind it when I told her 'I hope you don't consider it unromantic that you are not my reason for leaving the priesthood,'" says Rikken. Responded Remmy then, "I hope not."

When Remmy told Bishop Joseph Regan of Tagum about Gerard, he told her with a twinkle in his eyes: "Well, you've been with priests long enough to know that they probably make the worst husbands!"

## Staying fit

The couple married in March 1972, an era of political ferment in the country that affected the church as well. "This was the time of liberation theology, Vatican II, and questions about celibacy, family planning and premarital sex," recounts Rikken. His personal conviction was in contradiction with church doctrine, which led him to finally leave the priesthood. "I don't want to reach the end of my life discovering that I have forgotten how to live," he says.

Early on, the couple decided that despite martial law and the risks of arrest because of their development work, they would stay put in the Philippines. "Remmy refused to learn Dutch," Rikken says. "She knew she wouldn't be happy spending her life just watching TV in a strange country." Should martial law drive them from the Philippines, they vowed to seek exile in another third world country where much development work needed to be done.

Fortunately, the Rikkens survived the regime doing what they liked best: he as Dean of Economics at ASI and she with the Institute of Social Order of the Jesuits, who asked her to go around Luzon and the Visayas to share her Mindanao experience with farmers. Movie director Lino Brocka later asked her to help him administer the Philippine Education Theater Association. Along the way, this diminutive woman also became one of the founders of the feminist group PILIPINA, and much later, the Center for Asia-Pacific Women in Politics. "He was the social scientist, I was the social activist," is how Remmy describes her partnership with Rikken. An accountant by profession, she completely changed her career when she joined ASI.

The couple has two children and recalls a long happy relationship where the biggest budget went to the annual family vacation. When Rikken turned 61, he got involved with the Consuelo Foundation, which deals with young orphans and the disabled, as well as the Leaf Foundation, which does reforestation work. Such involvement brought him to Bislig two weeks a month.

## Full circle

"I had this apartment in Bislig that had no TV so I'd go out for drinks and videoke," Rikken recalls of his early years in Surigao. The first time he was pushed to the mike, he only had two songs in his repertoire: "Edelweiss" and "Blowing in the Wind." Today, he can sing anything from Perry Como to Sinatra to Pilita Corrales, and can speak Cebuano like a native.

Like other couples, the Rikkens, who both turned 70 this year, dreamt of spending their retirement years in a quiet community. "I always tell people to plan their retirement because when you've been working all your life and suddenly stop, your mind and body just deteriorates. You'd be dead in two years," says Remmy.

The couple found this "fantastic" land by the sea in Catanduanes, which, however, turned out to be covered by a land title dating back to Spanish times. When Rikken's neighbors in Bislig found out about it, they helped him scout for a suitable homestead that his retirement money could afford. It turned out to be three neighboring lots of five hectares each that belonged to an elderly couple who couldn't do farming anymore. The family farm, which Rikken calls his "old age pension," is now planted with 100 durian trees, 100 rambutan, 100 lanzones and some 6,000 fast growing commercial varieties.

It was like coming full circle for Rikken whose family on his mother's side was into farming. His father's family worked in industry and in fact, Rikken says, his grandfather died of black lung disease at the age of 54 after years in a brick factory. But he has no intentions of going into farming, not after that incident with the retarded boy in the cage.

Noting that cataract was a problem in the community, Rikken immediately organized several medical missions with help from the Rotarians who once raised funds through cockfights and mahjong. Says Remmy: "Did you know that when it comes to blindness, the Philippines is number 1 in Southeast Asia and number 3 in the world? It has something to do with our lack of Vitamin A. And yet, the Loving Presence

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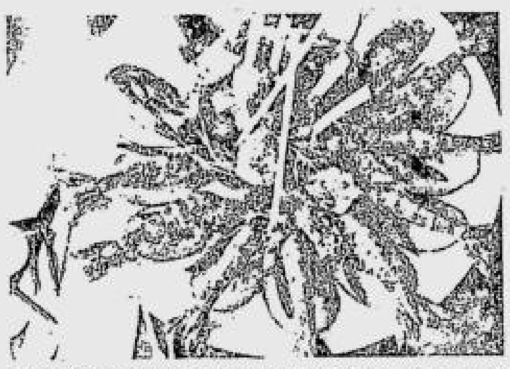

**FATHER'S DAY FETE** Delight Dad on Father's Day with a splendid luncheon-buffet at The Richmonde Hotel with choice international fare of delectable appetizers, soup starters and main dish selections like Prawns Thermidore and Grilled Lamb Chops with Mint Sauce. Also certain to please dad are the fresh greens at the salad bar, noodle and sauce variations at the pasta station and an enticing dessert spread.

*For more of This Week, see page 7*

FAVORITE FASHION

A very nice write-up about Budji Layug ("A Filipino Designer for the World," **Sim**, 12 June 2005). I remember that my mom and a very good friend, Mennen Estrada, had a free, Vidal Sassoon haircut from Budji himself when he opened the salon. What you forgot to write (according to my mom) was that Budjiwara became the first, most elite and famous hairdressing school. And that, according to my mom, she sent a lot of secretaries and students from the Cora Doloroso Modelling School and other corporations (she was giving lectures on Personality Development) to get their "free sample cuts" from Budji's graduating class. The Vidal Sasoon brush and scissors, according to Mom, were the biggest "remembrance" package from the school. Before I left for SFO to join my mom, I had my first real haircut there. I was only 3 1/2 years old then. Just to let you know that it was Budji's mom who launched Inno Sotto's first fashion show at the Hyatt under Chito Madrigal, then the PR Director, together with her cousin, Babette Aquino.

Your story was really the finest remembrance of my mom's early and most beautiful life in Manila. Thank you. Coincidentally, on July 13-17, I will be one of 400 delegates to a tourism event in Manila. Prior to a state luncheon at the Palace on July 14, I think we'll have a chance to see some of Budji's work at CITEM.

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Good day! I just want to know the address and contact numbers of the Asia Pacific Film Institute so that I can reach director Marilou Diaz-Abaya ("From Direk to Ma'am: The Moviemaker Turns Mentor," **Sim**, 22 May 2005). Thank you and God bless!

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# taufik hidayat

## The Quiet Asian Badminton Strongman

> "Badminton here in the Philippines is now bigger and better than it was three years ago, I'm actually very excited to take part in the MVP Cup."

He's already an Olympic gold medalist in badminton, and he's all of 23 years old. When you speak of Olympic champions you picture suave, media-savvy atheletes. So it's easy to underestimate the wiry Taufik Hidayat, with his soft-spoken manner and boyish shyness. It's easy to forget the fact that, aside from Olympic gold, he also has 20 other titles under his belt.

As early as the age of 15, the affable Bandung, West Java native started training for international competition. His talent propelled him through local then national selection, and all the way to #8 in the world awarded to him by the International Badminton Federation (IBF).

But you would be hard to guess this when you talk to him. His downward gaze and ready smile are quite typical of young men his age. "Yesterday I saw so many pretty Filipinas at the mall," he remarks with a wide grin. Apparently, Taufik has made a lot of friends in Manila.

Lesser competitors can disregard him at their own peril. He gladly eats them up. In the last twelve months he has won three events, conceding only 7 matches. His lightning reflexes and unmistakable snapping strokes leave others to crumble in confusion. And he can't wait to test his mettle for the upcoming MVP Cup, the biggest international badminton tournament to be staged in the Philippines.

"Badminton here in the Philippines is now bigger and better than it was three years ago," he says, "I'm actually very excited to take part in the MVP Cup." The MVP Cup from July 12 to 14, 2005 will pit the best players from Asia against the best from Europe.

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**PLDT and SMART Chairman Manny V. Pangilinan, after whom the cup was made said that "this tournament will be the first time local players will see live world-class play; hopefully it will inspire our champions of tomorrow as well as all of us towards excellence in everything we do."**

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Already Taufik is inquiring about the competition, asking whether particular European players are coming over to Manila. "Is Bjoern (Joppien, of Germany) coming?" He is told that yes, indeed the IBF's #17 seed is coming for the MVP Cup. The smiling Taufik turns pensive, suddenly he's all business.

You can see the young Indonesian brooding over strategy even as early as now. It is the face of quiet calm, a champion about to enter the gladiator's arena—the Philsports (formerly ULTRA) stadium barely a month from now. You can tell from Taufik's steely gaze of determination: at the MVP Cup, there will be no quarter given. He's going all out, and probably more.

# MVP CUP

## ASIA vs EUROPE

### THE MANUEL V. PANGILINAN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

"The age old battle in badminton has always been between Asia and Europe. Over the past decade, the Asians, especially the Chinese, have become stronger. The winners of the Manuel V. Pangilinan Badminton Championships will be hard to forecast, but in my mind, chances are the Singles division will be an Asian affair. The Europeans, on the other hand, have the upper hand in Mixed Doubles."

Raymond Rufino,
2003 Singles Champion, Manila Polo Club

"If it wasn't for the Danes, I'd say Asia would win easily.
Then again, the Euro guys have been winning the tournaments recently.
By the way, Lin Dan is the world #1, but the Olympic medalist is Taufik Hidayat of Indonesia. That kid is the guy I wanna see.
Basta Asia's chances rest mostly on the China squad led by world men's #1 Lin Dan, and world women's #1 Zhang Ning but I guess the match to see is Hidayat talaga... he's a local favorite too."

Jon Lee,
Badminton Enthusiast & Magazine Writer

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| *July 12, 2005* | | |
| 7:00pm | 1st Ladies' Singles | Mia Audina Tjiptawan (vs) Zhang Ning |
| 8:30pm | 1st Men's Singles | Anders Boesen (vs) Taufik Hidayat |
| 10:00pm | Men's Doubles | Nathan Robertson & Robert Flair<br>(vs) Chan Chon Ming & Koo Kian Keat |
| *July 13, 2005* | | |
| 7:00pm | 2nd Men's Singles | Bjoern Joppien (vs) Lin Dan |
| 8:30pm | 2nd Ladies Singles | Pi Hongyan (vs) See Yoon Hee |
| 10:00pm | Ladies' Doubles | Mia Audina Tjiptawan & Yao Jie<br>(vs) Saralee Thungthongkam &<br>Sathinee Chankrachangwong |
| *July 14, 2005* | | |
| 7:00pm | Mixed Doubles | Nathan Robertson & Gail Emms<br>(vs) Kennivic Asuncion<br>& Kennie Asuncion |
| 8:30pm | 3rd Ladies' Singles | (Captain's Option) |
| 10:00pm | 3rd Men's Singles | (Captain's Option) |

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# Juan

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many of the bands played covers of songs from the "Woodstock" movie. (One participant recalls hearing at least three versions of Santana's "Soul Sacrifice.") There were a few pot busts, and a couple of girls obligingly took their clothes off, to much hooting and cheering from the crowd.

The stakes were higher at the Rizal Park concert. The name itself, *"Himig Natin,"* our music, implied a proprietary attitude and self-awareness absent in Antipolo.

There were a lot of things in the air in 1972. The emerging Filipino youth culture had branched off into two main strands: the resurgent nationalism that had erupted in the First Quarter Storm of 1970, and the hippie-head subculture that defined itself through style, drugs and above all, music. Although then President Marcos had declared martial law less than three months before, the young Pinoys gathered at the Rizal Park Observatory were in a celebratory mood, thankfully oblivious to what was to come.

Leave it to Pepe to put the current zeitgeist together in one coherent statement, in 20 minutes flat, and on acid at that.

"Pepe just thought about making a song backstage," recalls Wally. *"Lumabas 'yung* concept *na* Tagalog. You know Pepe, he's good with impromptu."

Actually, Pepe already had the chord sequence and the melody in his head for a couple of years, and a few stray verses and lyrics. But whether through serendipity, enhanced brain chemistry, or finely-honed improvisational skills, Pepe to this day says he doesn't know how he managed to pull everything together, complete with several verses and a chorus. But Pinoy music would never be the same after he staggered out of that toilet, crib sheet in hand.

## Mixed reaction

It would be nice to recall the birth of Pinoy rock as some kind of collective epiphany, but if truth be told, the audience reaction was mixed. Wally recalls that while most of the audience applauded *"Himig Natin"* when they performed it for the first time, a lot of the audience didn't know what to make of it. *"Ano 'yan?"* summed up their puzzled reaction.

Most musicians seemed to take it for granted that rock songs should be sung in English. The idea of fusing rock music with Tagalog lyrics was, in the language of the time, far out.

Pepe was, of course, not the first to rock out in Tagalog. Bobby Gonzalez probably has as much claim to the mantle. With its Bill Haley-inspired syncopated rhythm and walking bass line, his 1960s novelty hit *"Hahabol-Habol"* could very well be the first Tagalog rock 'n' roll song.

But Bobby Gonzalez (as far as I know, no relation to Wally) didn't have amps with volume knobs that went all the way up to 11. And sound was what the new rock music was all about—glorious walls of noise and distortion calculated to rattle the fillings in your parents' teeth.

So *"Hahabol-Habol"* was a one-off, until Juan de la Cruz happened along more than a decade later.

*"Ang tagal na ng pinagsamahan naming tatlo"*(The three of us have been through a lot together), says Wally Gonzalez of the ties that bind the members of Juan de la Cruz together. "We've been together since 1967. *Siguro* it's destiny that we see each other every 10, 15 years."

We are in a well-equipped recording studio where the members of Juan de la Cruz are in the midst of their last rehearsal before *"Ang Pagkalas,"* their much-anticipated reunion concert set, appropriately enough, on the day before Independence Day.

At 55 and now a grandfather, Wally is still the coolest guy in the room, mainly because he doesn't say much.

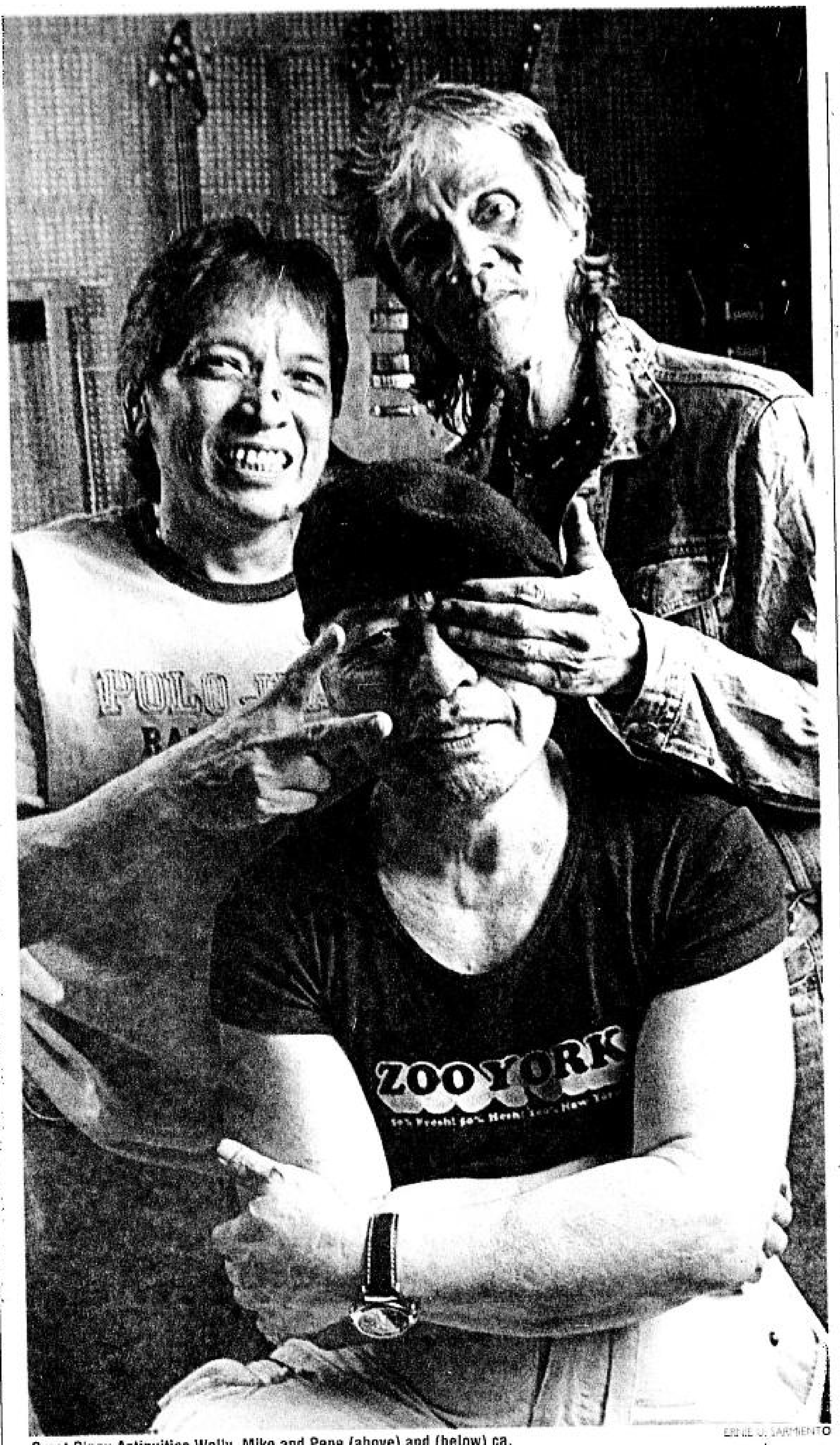
*"Mahiyain kasi ako"* (I'm shy), he laughs. *"Ewan ko nga kung bakit ako naging musikero* (I really don't know why I became a musician)."

The energy in the room rises several notches when Pepe Smith walks in, a nonstop stream of wisecracks, jokes and asides even before he straps on his guitar. All things considered, Pepe seems to be in remarkably good health, except for what appears to be a missing lower palate that causes him to mush up his words. Pepe recently married Wife No. 4, and taking his own advice years before in *"Mamasyal sa Pilipinas,"* has settled in Baguio *"upang magpalamig ng ulo* (to cool my head)."

Last to arrive is Mike Hanopol, with his trademark beret and graphite Steinberger guitar, incongruously attired in a pair of yellow rain pants. As always, Mike is all business: Almost as soon as he enters the room, he has plugged in and is calling off the count.

It has been a good seven years since they last played together (in the ill-fated 1998 reunion concert *"Ang Pagbabalik,"* whose producer mysteriously disappeared, after leaking videotapes of then President Estrada gambling in the casino to the media). It might as well have been yesterday. The trio slip effortlessly into the groove as they open, ironically enough, with *"Kahit Ano'ng Mangyari,"* which many thought was going to be their swan song in 1981.

It helps that bass ace Dondi Ledesma is holding down the bottom end, and—shades of the Grateful Dead!—there are two drummers: Wendell Garcia and Gilbert Nogales, both of whom would have been in diapers when Juan de la Cruz first trod the planks. Filling out the sound with bluesy Hammond-like fills is Wowee Posadas on keyboards.



ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

**Great Pinoy Antiquities Wally, Mike and Pepe (above) and (below) ca. 1974: "*Kahit anong mangyari, Pinoy* rock *pa rin tayo*"**

The trademark heavy riffery, however, is vintage Juan de la Cruz, and the band only gets tighter as they work through the Pinoy rock songbook: *"Balong Malalim,"* "Titser's Enemi," *"Mamasyal sa Pilipinas," "Rak En Rol Sa Ulan," "Nadapa Sa Arina,"* "Beep Beep" and a host of others that have stood the test of time.

## Chemistry

According to Wally, the band's core audience consists of baby-boomers: '70s survivors, now fat and balding, who still remember the good times whenever they hear a power chord. But there is also a smattering of younger listeners for whom the undiluted din of Juan de la Cruz is still a bracing revelation. *"Ang Pagkalas"* hopes to bridge this generation gap by having guest performers from this century: Lourd de Veyra of Radioactive Sago Project (who, incidentally, calls Mike Hanopol *"angkol"*), Mark Abaya of Sandwich, Hannah Romawac of Session Road and Kat Agarrado of Passage.

The main band chemistry, however, is still among the three original members. Wally, the original guitar hero, has his chops back after a 15-year layoff. Mike is probably the most professional, having played the longest: He survived the disco era by, among other gigs, writing and recording many of the hits of Hagibis. And Pepe adds the element of unpredictability and the cosmic sense of humor that makes what the band does rock 'n' roll. It is the kind of bond that only time and shared mileage can bring about, and which makes age irrelevant. "Now, it really feels better to play music," says Wally.

Wally Gonzalez, Pepe Smith and Mike Hanopol were already seasoned musicians when they first came together as members of the Downbeats in 1967. Wally and Mike had done time previously in the Jungle Cats, and Pepe was already a bona fide rock star as the Downbeats' manic drummer. In fact, he could boast of having opened for the Beatles during their ill-fated 1966 Philippine concert, when Marcos thugs gave the Fab Four a taste of Pinoy hospitality.

Throughout the "combo" era of the 1960s, Pinoy musicians basically mimicked whatever the dominant trends were in the West, from instrumental surf guitar music, to the Beatles-influenced Merseybeat sound, to the rhythm-and-blues based British invasion, on to psychedelia and blues-rock as the decade closed. But that was about to change.

Interestingly enough, Juan de la Cruz's gestation period took place in Japan, where the three amigos landed a paying gig as Zero History in 1969.

"We played covers of songs by the Doors, Grateful Dead and Jimi Hendrix for six months," recalls Wally. After their contract expired, Pepe and Mike joined with some Japanese musicians to form Speed, Glue and Shinki, which landed a recording deal with Atlantic Records and managed to put out two albums, one of which was a triple-record
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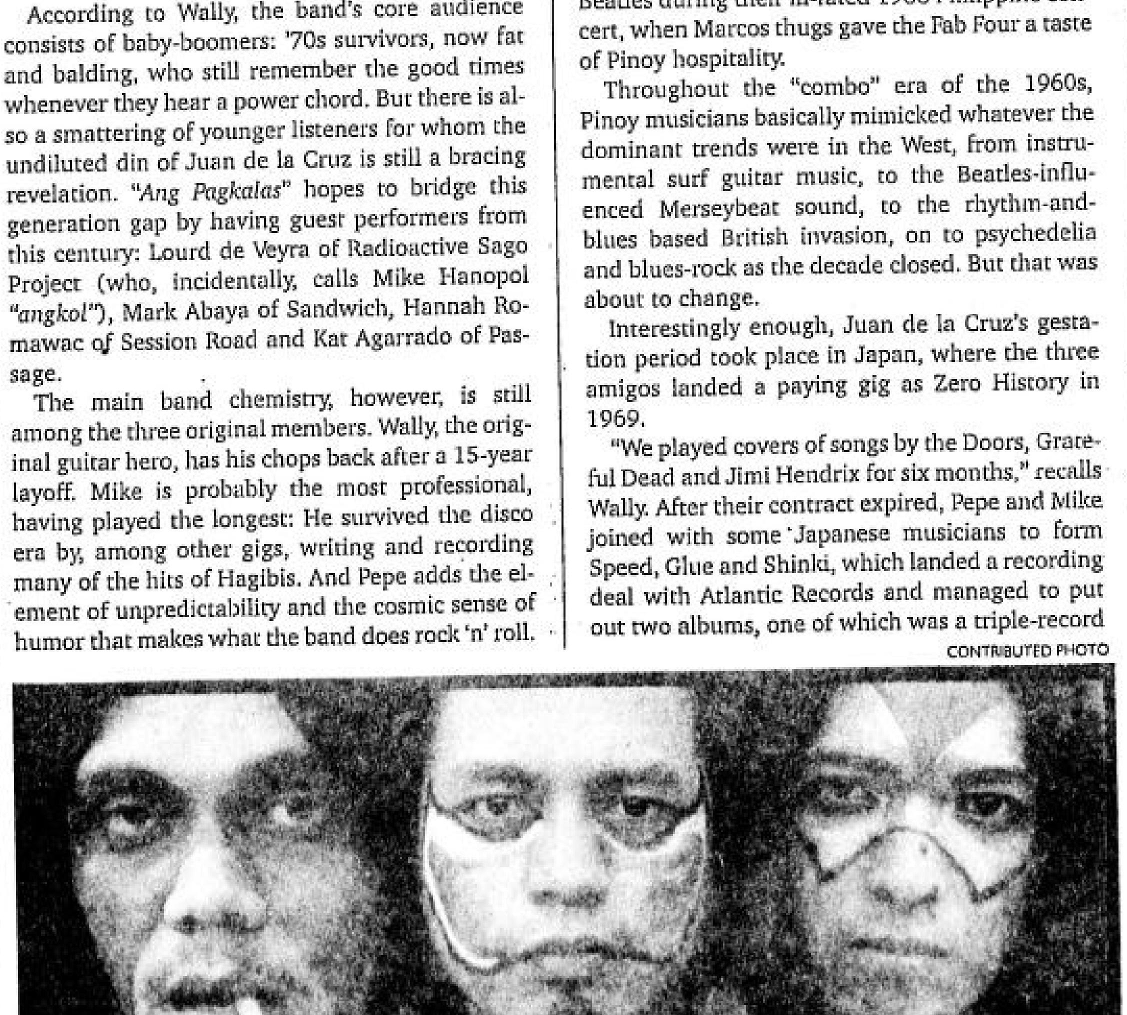

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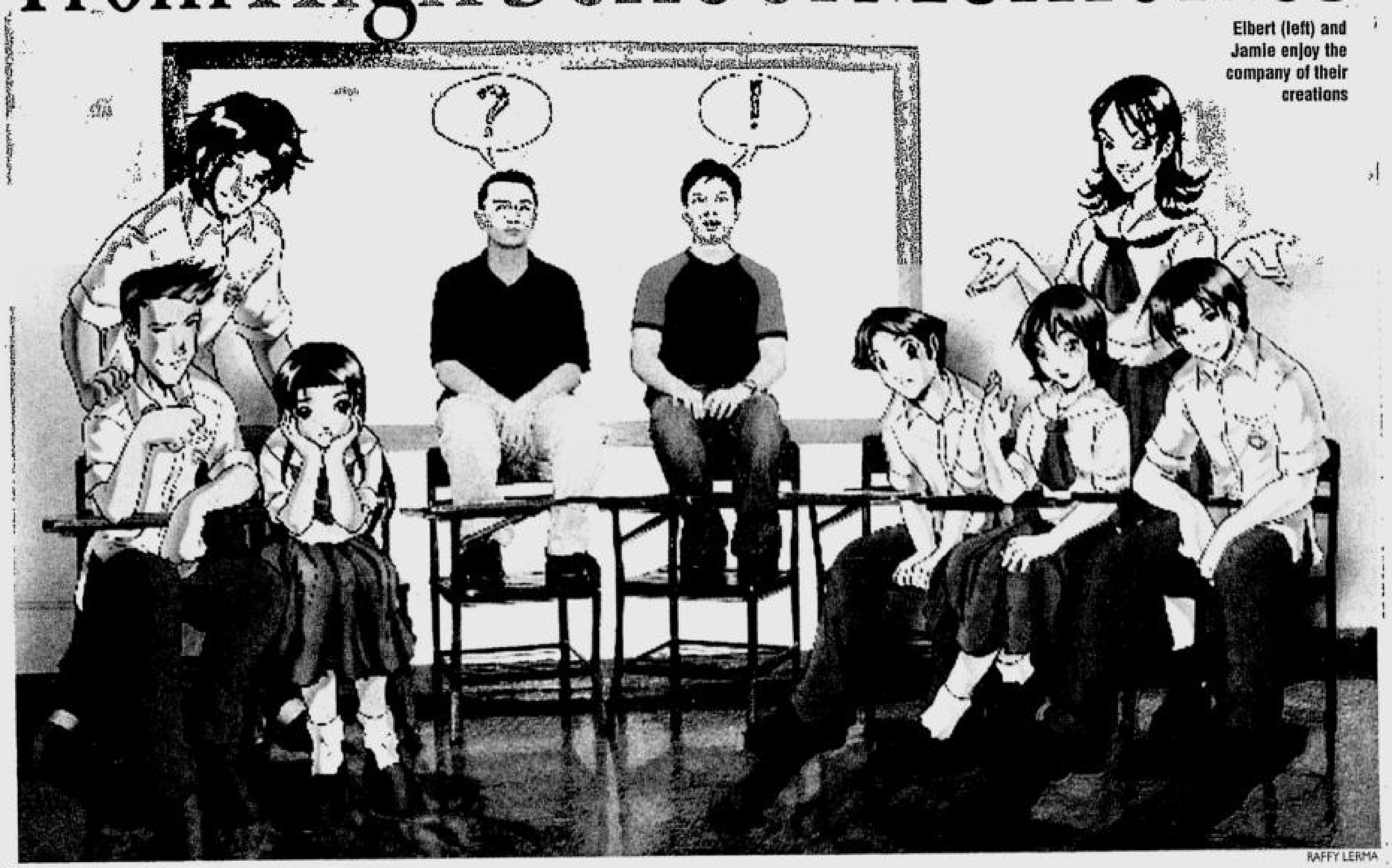
*by Ruel S. De Vera*

# Casting A Comic Book From High School Memories

**Jamie Bautista and Elbert Or's 'Cast' series brings the tribulations of Filipino teenagers to the newsstands and beyond**

*illustration by Rex Espino*
*colors by Jaime Bautista*



**Elbert (left) and Jamie enjoy the company of their creations**

RAFFY LERMA

**IF YOU could mold characters out of lines and into life, if you could write the dialogue of your dreams, what story would you tell? If you're Jamie Bautista and Elbert Or, you'd tell the story of all Filipino teenagers, their high school life and your own. You'd breathe life into "Cast."**

"Cast" is the charming hit comic book from Nautilus Comics. But it isn't about flying super-beings—the Spandex set—or outlandish anthromorphic protagonists. "Cast" is a vibrantly full-color story of young love and high school life juxtaposed with the staging of a play about King Arthur. It's a brave tale told with a welcome earnestness and winning humor from Jamie and Elbert, both exceptional comic book talents. It's also a tale of pursuing their own personal production despite the odds.

The 28-year-old Jamie is line publisher of Nautilus Comics and holds a Communication degree from the Ateneo. Jamie was teaching at the Ateneo when Elbert suggested that they pitch an idea to publishers early in 2003; Jamie was to write and Elbert was to illustrate. They eventually decided to put it out on their own.

"When we made that decision, I approached my uncle who became one of our financiers," Jamie says. His uncle had an idle company name that existed only on paper. "We took that and became Nautilus Comics." And in due time, their idea—high school life, oh my high school life—was hit with a million volts and nailed with a lightning bolt, to quote two ancient pop songs.

### What-ifs

"One of the ideas I had floating around was a semi-autobiographical story, of imagining what it would be to be part of a school play," Jamie explains. He had gone to Xavier for high school, and was a shy, introverted teen. "I think I was the well-liked geek." Participating in a high school production of the musical "Camelot" was a fond memory for him. "In an all-boys' school, this was the first time for me to be able to work with girls." Thus, "Cast's" all-boys' St. Christian is a stand-in for Xavier, while all-girls' Mary the Immaculate is a thinly-veiled nod to Immaculate Conception Academy. Jamie rolled several experiences into the King Arthur play of "Cast," fictionalized and then kept going. "There are some what-ifs, some looking back and some purely fictional," Jamie says of the comic's twists and turns. Elbert designed the characters, deliberately deciding to meld Eastern and Western illustration styles.

Elbert settled in as editor, tweaking Jamie's story and art direction and working with a group of artists to get "Cast's" look just right. "Jamie wanted his vision to be very pure and I had the task of making sure the comic was financially viable as a serial."

That serial follows callow Will Flores, a shy talented kid, who is cast, much to his surprise, as Lancelot in the school play. As the play begins to gain solidity, Will finds himself falling for his Guinevere, Ces Cheng. Problem is, Ces happens to be girlfriend to Manny David, Will's friend, acting mentor and, it just so happens, the play's King Arthur. While that situations percolates, "Cast" surrounds them with other ongoing dramas and comedies that have to do with overcaffeinated drama teacher Mr. McCready, parents and the gang of Lex, Jiggs, Maita, Mons, Elmo, Erika, Cid, Janina, Lel and Joe, among others. It's high school in full color.

The 21-year-old Elbert is the editor-in-chief of Nautilus. He graduated from the Ateneo in 2004 with an Interdisciplinary Studies degree. He went to high school at the coed Chang Kai Shiek Academy. "My time in high school was the time that I made most of the mistakes I learned from. *Rebelde ako noon.* I was the one always pushing the envelope in terms of disciplinary measures and in the causes I took on. In the arts, I tried to make geeks look cool. Boring *na ako ngayon.* I put most of my past experience in 'Cast.'

"I was experiencing angst this summer because I suddenly realized that my hobbies were also all about comics," Elbert says, adding that he also helps out with NGOs and likes teaching kids at the Nautilus comics workshops, which has brought the two to different parts of the country preaching comics. Unlike Elbert, Jamie has what he calls his "day job," which involves graphic design and the family business, a printing press. Aside from his Ateneo stint, Jamie also teaches at Assumption College. But what really takes up their time now is "Cast."

There was a lot of tinkering and testing as "Cast" slowly evolved into finished form. A prologue issue, called "Cast Pre-production," came out first, almost as a test sample. "It was our first attempt at publishing on our own. Everything that could go wrong with a first issue did go wrong," Elbert recalls, adding that they were doing press work on that issue all the way from January up to June 2004.

"What we realized with earlier incarnations of 'Cast' is that a lot of the sensibilities of Western comics and fiction don't actually apply here," Elbert says. "For example, there's a more individualistic sense in Western literature whereas we're more communal here. That's why we would naturally gravitate towards a larger, ensemble cast."

### Slice of life

"Even back in high school, the short stories I used to write were relationship-and romance-oriented, sort of slice-of-life," Jamie explains. "It started out as a very Will-centric story and we later decided to focus on the supporting characters as well," Elbert adds. The characters are based more on different relationships than anything else—the long-standing twosome and the budding romance, for example. Though both Jamie and Elbert have girlfriends, Jamie notes "we still remember what it was like to be in that unsure, 'what is real love?' place."

After more tweaking and two more months, "Cast" # 1 came out and the response was indeed quite heartening—"it sold very well," Elbert says. "We were happy with the feedback. People were writing in." The comic book found its audience and then some. "Our target audience initially was high school, but then we found out that college people liked it for the stories, for the nostalgia factor." Jamie adds that many of the elements in their high school stories still apply to college life here.

With its format of a long, main story (focusing on Will, Ces and the play) supported by shorter backup stories (usually featuring supporting characters), "Cast" is able to cast its own creative web wider, covering more plot twists and issues, as well as try different storytelling approaches.

The two make a rather unique complementary set of colleagues. The more laid-back Jamie (he would describe himself as "phlegmatic") is more prone to whimsy, while the manic Elbert is more prone to rants.

### Surer ground

Now sponsors are approaching them (instead of the other way around) and "Cast" is now available pretty much everywhere. "Cast" has settled into a comfortable quarterly publishing schedule and Nautilus is on surer ground. "We aren't a fly-by-night company," Elbert says. "If we have trouble, there's a Plan Z we can go to. The mission of Nautilus ultimately is be able to prove that you can work on comics here in the Philippines and make a decent living out of it."

The fifth issue just came out, but Elbert is already at work on # 8 while Jamie's writing # 9, so fans can rest assured "Cast" is moving along briskly. Fulfilling a long-time dream, "Cast" is available and has found dealers in the United States—and there's even interest from as far away as Norway.

Even though it's already five issues old, there's lots still about to happen: There's opening night and even an action sequence. "Once we get past the issue 10 mark, we have ideas that would push the boundaries a bit more," Jamie says. "Our immediate goal is to really make 'Cast' a monthly," Elbert says, and "to get the art the way we want it."

"Cast" has become their own ongoing story, of a friendship that has given concrete fulfillment to a dream, a story that's flung itself across the void and found sympathetic roots in the imagination of a young audience. "I'm more of a fulfilled mind, because this is really more my story," read the words in Jamie Bautista's word balloon. Elbert Or adds his own: "Now that I'm doing 'Cast,' every time I wake up in the morning, I think of the next thing I have to dream of." Q

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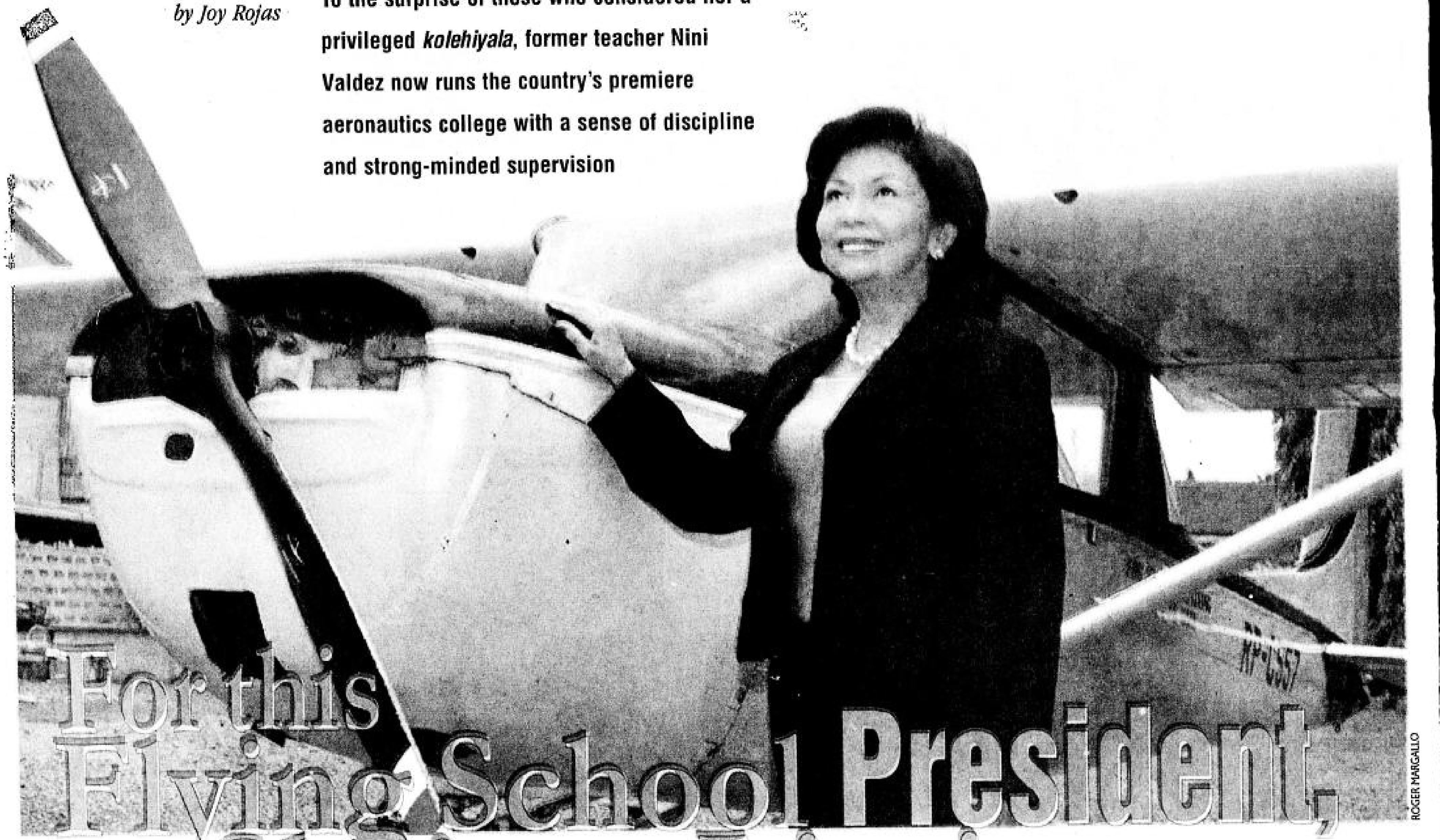
by Joy Rojas

**To the surprise of those who considered her a privileged *kolehiyala*, former teacher Nini Valdez now runs the country's premiere aeronautics college with a sense of discipline and strong-minded supervision**



ROGER MARGALLO

# For this Flying School President, the Sky's the Limit

**JUST as her plane taxis off the runway, Ma. Felisa "Nini" Valdez, a seasoned traveler who gravitates towards exotic, undiscovered destinations, says a prayer and reaches for her husband's hand. It's something she always does before a flight, her own way of taking care of business even when she's on holiday.**

On the ground, Valdez reverts to being the tireless president and chief financial officer of the Philippine Air Transport and Training Services, Inc. (PATTS) College of Aeronautics. She has made it her mission to turn the 36-year-old school into a center of quality aviation education, starting with its new location in San Isidro, Parañaque, just five minutes away from the Domestic Airport Road. The spanking new campus boasts of ultramodern interiors, globally competitive facilities, and enough room to comfortably accommodate 15,000 students—6,000 more than what the old school could manage.

The venue seems more like Valdez's milieu—and not just because she spent three months designing its layout and look with the help of an architect. Arriving 10 minutes before her interview, impeccably dressed in a black pantsuit, yellow-gold top and matching designer handbag, Valdez cuts an imposing figure that appears out of place next to the old PATTS' weary walls and tables. Looking more like a lady who lunches rather than the head of the country's pioneer aeronautics school, Valdez laughs when she's asked if employees ever tried to pull a fast one on her. "I'm a lady on the outside," she declares, "with the heart of a lion."

## Top spots

Still, this lion-hearted woman had big shoes to fill when she took over the presidency from her equally formidable father-in-law, who died of cancer, curiously enough, on her birthday eight years ago. "He was a friend outside of work, but in the office, he was God Almighty and he had every reason to be," she says of the old man. Born to humble surroundings, Ambrosio Valdez, Sr. was the Philippines' first US-educated aeronautics engineer; his license number, in fact, is "1." He was also a lawyer, "and a brilliant one at that," says his daughter-in-law. Invited by Col. Henry Meider to convert an old hangar in Pasay City to a school for mechanics, Valdez Sr. co-founded PATTS in June 1969. Through the years, the school would establish itself as the place to be for quality aviation education. Students from other schools reportedly flock to PATTS come board review time; PATTS graduates dominate the top spots among successful board examinees.

When Valdez Sr. fell ill, his eldest son and Nini's husband, Ambrosio Jr., was a likely successor, although a younger son and several daughters were also considered for the presidency. But for Ambrosio Jr.—a partner in the firm Valdez, Domondon and Associates—the practice of law proved a greater calling. Meanwhile, the younger son who once co-managed PATTS with his father, older brother and sister-in-law, would eventually follow his sisters and migrate to the States.

And then there was Nini, who became a shareholder of the school when her family put capital into PATTS in 1977. Working her way up from corporate treasurer in 1979 to vice president for finance two years after, she was unanimously voted president by the board in 1998. Some, however, questioned the choice: She was not a blood relation, after all. Besides, what could she, an Assumptionista with a teacher's background, have to offer?

Plenty, as it turned out. A stickler for details, Valdez had insisted on being involved in every aspect of school operations. She certainly knew what she was talking about when she introduced such disciplinary reforms as monitoring the faculty during class hours, and having them evaluated not just by colleagues, but by the staff of other departments as well. She also maintained formality in the family business. Nini, who referred to her father-in-law as "Atty. Valdez" during office hours, is addressed by everyone—including her daughter Katrina, who works as her mother's executive assistant—as "Ms. Valdez."

## Better grasp

With the assistance of five advisers, she got a better grasp of the business. As a result, Valdez's brand of leadership has kept PATTS employees "on their toes," which is exactly the way she wants it. "As a people, Filipinos tend to be very complacent," she notes. "But I'm more into consistency and steadfastness. When I want you to do something, I will tell you twice, thrice; by the fourth time you should already be able to do it. After a year, my system would have been institutionalized, so I don't have to teach you how to do it anymore."

If Valdez knew as a young girl that she would one day head a school, she would have laughed. The eldest of four kids (her two younger brothers are in the States, while a sister, their youngest sibling, remains unmarried), she was the type "to jump up and down whenever classes where suspended due to a typhoon!" she exclaims. Despite pulling above-average grades, she regrets being an underachiever who could have done more had she applied herself better. "But I chose to enjoy myself."

Ironically, the self-described "naughty girl" would take an interest in teaching, given her nature to constantly share information and impart knowledge. Two months after graduating with a degree in History and Philosophy, she taught English, Pilipino and History at her alma mater's elementary and then high school departments. A teaching stint at the International School in 1974 allowed her to work while taking care of her husband and their growing brood. Today, Atty. and Mrs. Valdez are the proud parents of five children. The eldest, Bunny, is an orthopedic surgeon and head of sports medicine in the Asian Hospital; the second, Jonby, is a lawyer, as is third child and only daughter Katrina. Fourth-born Dondi holds a master's degree in aerospace engineering, and youngest Paolo, finished computer engineering. "They'd cry whenever classes were suspended," laughs mom of her accomplished kids. In 1997, Valdez returned to Assumption to teach Social Studies in Pilipino to college students.

## Offbeat approach

This disciplinarian, ironically enough, was popular during her school days for being a sob sister, a dependable confidant and favorite chaperone during soirées. As a teacher, she had an offbeat approach to education. She once assigned students to view the classic "*Ganito Kami Noon, Paano Kayo Ngayon?*" then invited the cast headed by Christopher de Leon to school for discussions. At the height of social unrest in the '70s, she had her class stage a play about a politician despised by his people, and assigned her student, Imee Marcos, to play the role of the politician's daughter. Although she no longer teaches, Valdez looks like she's got enough energy to oversee PATTS for another 36 years. She, however, regards herself as a "transition president" who hopes to hand over the reins to her son Dondi, in four or five years' time, while she keeps herself busy with other pursuits.

Away from the office, Valdez leads a grounded life, allowing her artistic side to take over her strong, take-charge persona. With friends, thrice-weekly dancing ("the kind where you stand in front of a band with your friends and move to the beat of the music") is both exercise and outlet from a hard day's work. At home, she loves to cook, talk to her plants and move furniture around every so often while anticipating the weekend when she and her husband can share long, lingering meals with their five children and five grandkids.

Ambrosio Jr., or Amboy, as his wife likes to call him, was one of three gentlemen introduced to the then-single Nini by her cousin. "I didn't choose any of them, but he persisted," she says with a laugh. Suffice it to say that she met her match in a man whose witty sense of humor softens her tough exterior. Affirms Valdez with a warm smile, "He disciplines me."

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## This Week

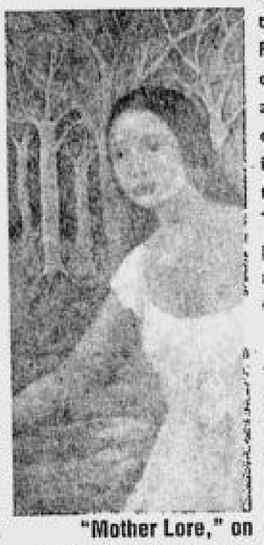
### Art

**The Things I See**, recent works in oil by Karen Concepcion at Gallery 139, Level 3, Glorietta 4, Ayala Center, Makati City until June 29. For details, call 728-9724.

**The Weighing of Light**, an exhibit of five stunning large-scale oil paintings by Geraldine Javier, until June 30 at Finale Art File, Room 403, LaO Centre, Pasay Road cor. Makati Avenue, Makati City.

***Tayo na sa Libis ng Nayon***, an exhibit of oil paintings of rural scenes by Benny Buendia at Galeria de las Islas, 3/F, Silahis Center, 744 Gen. Luna St., Intramuros, Manila until June 30. For details, call 527-2113.

**Amanuesis**, a solo exhibit of paintings by Paul Eric Roca, opens on June 24 at the Black Gallery of Kulay Diwa Art Galleries, 25 Lopez Avenue, Lopez Village, Sucat, Parañaque City. Exhibit runs until July 11. For details, call 826-0574.



"Mother Lore," on exhibit at the Nineveh Artspace in Laguna

### Onstage

Koiné Theater Foundation's **Stealth Mode** and **Suppressed Desires** will run in tandem at the One Acts Theater (2/F Forab Building, 121 Kamuning Road, QC) on June 24, 25, July 1, 2, at 7:30 p.m. Jihan Estrella's Stealth Mode is a comedy about a stranded high school student hiding in the ladies room not only from Mrs. Cruz, the tenacious megalo-maniac hall disciplinarian, but also from her real feelings towards "her" PJ. Susan Glaspell's Supressed Desires, is about a young couple who are incessantly driving each other up the wall because of a wife's obsession on psychoanalysis. Call 410-4485 or (0916) 5251038 to reserve tickets.

### Atbp

A triple trade fair and exhibits are ongoing at the Greenhills Shopping Complex until July 3 featuring the **12th Telecommunication & Accessories Bazaar, 4th Korea in Focus** showcasing products from South Korea, and the **First Philippine Crafts Fair** showcasing assorted Philippine products and goods. The trade fairs are oprganized by Prime Asia Trade Planners & Convention Organizers in cooperation with the Philippine Chamber of Handicrafts Industry, Inc.

MB&G/ProActive is accepting reservations for the **Managing a Catering Business module** from June 20-24 and the **Managing a Restaurant/Canteen module** from June 27 to July 1 to be held at Eastwood City, Libis, Quezon City from 1 to 5 p.m. Fee for each module is P5,000 inclusive of manual and handouts, snacks, certificate of completion, and workshop materials and equipment. For details, call Manu Ofiaza at 687-1787 or 0915-4315375.

Blue Dragon Society International invites everyone to its **Tai Chi and Qigong sessions** at the Eastwood City Walk 2 (near Shanghai Bistro), Eastwood City, Libis, Quezon City. Sessions are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For registration, call 427-7419 or text name to 0921-5296820.

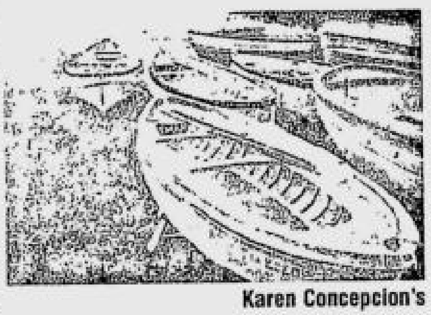
Art professor Cecilia S. Angeles will conduct a **Painting Made Easy Workshop** to be held at the Fort Santiago, Intramuros, Manila. The workshop aims to create fine art works based on easy, practical but scientific procedures in drawing and painting. Workshop materials are free. For inquiries, contact 843-5341.

Contributing columnist and essay writer John L. Silva will again hold a one-day **advocacy writing workshop** on June 25, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., at the Museum of the Filipino People, National Museum Complex, Agrifina Circle, Rizal Park, Manila. He will review winning editorial pieces, teach techniques to make powerful persuasive points, gain more members to the cause and win the battle. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with P3,500 fee inclusive of Advocacy Workbook, lunch and refreshments. Seats are limited. For details, call 527-5082, 831-7065 or 0926-7299029.

Children who want to learn how to cook can sign up for **Vicky Veloso-Barrera's Tiny Kitchen** Saturday classes. There is a morning session from 9-11 a.m. and an afternoon session from 2 - 4 p.m. Children between the ages of 4-6 learn two dishes per session while those aged 7 and up learn four. All classes are taught at Vicky's Quezon City home. Reservations are essential as only seven children are accepted per class. There are also Wednesday and Thursday classes for balikbayans, students from international schools and local schools that don't have classes on those days. The fee for children aged 4-6 is P700 per session and P1,000 for those aged 7 and up. For inquiries, call 410-2279 or 0916-5165035.

The Communication Foundation for Asia is offering a **Radio Voice Acting and Dubbing Workshop** to those who are interested in learning the basics of radio drama and making dubbing a profession. The workshop will also teach the techniques in lip-synching and translation. Actual exercises in voice acting, internalization and dubbing using actual radio scripts form part of the workshop. Workshop dates are July 15 and 16 at the CFA Studio and Workshop Room, 4427 Interior Old Sta. Mesa, Manila. For reservations, call Grace at 713-2732, 714-7233 and 713-2981 loc. 407.

The **Heritage Conservation Society** is holding an **Art and Design Auction** from 4-8 p.m. today at The Loft on Rockwell Drive. Proceeds from the auction will benefit HCS programs, particularly the Heritage Schoolhouse Restoration Program. Bid for antiques from Iron Age pottery, *santos*, ethnic weavings to Ifugao Bulols and excavated gold. Also to be auctioned are pre-war glass table lamps, rare books, Blanco botanical prints, realistic to modern abstract paintings by Arturo Luz, Ang Kiukok, Claude Tayag, Pandy Aviado, Joven Ignacio, Ferdinand Doctolero, Lofranco, Calip, and sculpture by Orlina. Furniture ranges from antique through pre-war and modern designer chairs by Bertoia. Significant contemporary Philippine craftsman furniture by Benjie Reyes, Padua International, and Debbie Palao will also be auctioned. Tickets available at the door.



Karen Concepcion's "Boats at Capri," on view at Gallery 139

### X-manila

Nineveh Artspace located at 2452 1st Avenue, Villa Silangan Subd., Sta. Cruz, Laguna opens three solo exhibits on June 19 at 2:30 pm: **Piedras Fragantes** by Mario De Rivera; ***Padayon*** by Brenda V. Fajardo; and ***Lugar Ko*** by Karen O. Flores. The exhibits run until July 31. For details, call Louie Sevilla (049) 808-6617 or 0916-7720368.

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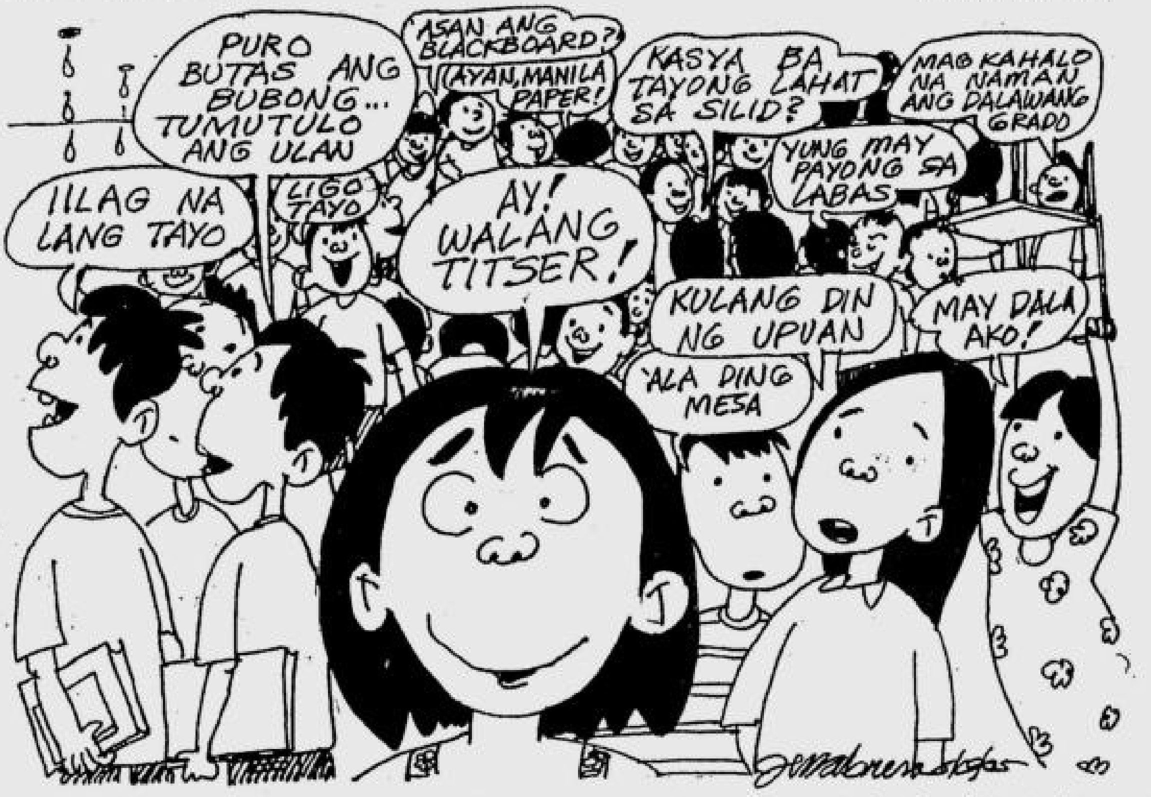
## Pinoy Nga!

Jess Abrera

### Classroom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## Finding...*from page 2*

Foundation, whose job it is to give away cataract lenses to poor people, cannot even meet their quota of recipients this year!"

Coming up with more branches in Mindanao to be able to reach more people is a solution proposed by their Muslim neighbors, except for one big problem, says Remmy. "To be able to start and register a foundation with the Securities & Exchange Commission, you need P1 million. Tell me, why this huge amount?" The task of looking for this sum falls on Rikken, whose job it is "to coordinate the Foundation, look for funds and run the office." But he's not complaining, says this former priest who lives on his pension and doesn't collect a salary for his work.

Such arrangement has become a problem: "I'm bound for retirement in three years and I need a successor who is not dependent on a salary," he says, adding that funds would always be a problem for service-oriented foundations. So far, the Rikken children Marilou and John Jay have been handy, going around foreign embassies in Manila and collecting leaflets and brochures on donor programs. But other problems abound. Being a foreigner, Rikken has so far escaped speculations of harboring political ambitions, but others persist in thinking that he's using the Foundation to get money even when no salary is involved.

Rikken also deplores the lack of work ethics and dedication among some workers in government. "There was this government employee entrusted with the funds for three months' worth of food for the children," he recounts. Wanting to get the job over and done with, she bought, in one go, three months' supply of vegetables, fruits and bread and dumped them on the Foundation. "How do you expect these perishable goods to last for three months? We had to resell the items at a loss to convert them quickly to cash."

He also has to live apart from his wife in the meantime, as she does her work mainly in Manila and he, in Bislig. "I'm really looking forward to joining him more permanently so we can enjoy our working retirement," says Remmy.

But the problems pale in comparison to the rewards, says Rikken. "The smile in a child's face tells you that something's gone right for them, finally. It's worth all the trouble."

Indeed, even before he could retire in the family farm, it seems that Rikken is already reaping a bountiful, and well-earned, harvest.

*For more information on the Foundation, log on to www.lovepres.org*

## Love Notes

Joe D'Mango

# A Fear of Losing Him Completely

*I can't stand the endless fighting. I don't know what to think. Am I just being too paranoid? Should I believe his assurance that he'll never ever leave me?*

*Dear Joe,*

*Just call me Mishy, a college junior with a boyfriend named Earl. We've been together for almost a year now, and I have nothing more to ask for. But as time went by, a certain fear came over me. I'm afraid I might lose him if someone better comes along. I can't think of anything else. When he's not with me, I'm afraid that he might seeing someone else. We've been fighting a lot lately. I've been getting jealous of every girl he talks to. It has come to a point that we're already hurting hurting each other. I don't want anyone to come between us. I love Earl so much but I can't stand the endless fighting. I dont know what to think. Am I just being too paranoid? Should I believe his assurance that he'll never ever leave me? I've made so many sacrifices for him and I want to be with him for the rest of my life. Please help me, Joe. I really don't know how to deal with it. I hope that my fear of losing him will completely dissapear.*

*Mishy*

Dear Mishy,

It is completely normal to feel a certain amount of fear at the thought of losing the people we love and the people whom we know love us. I believe that it is this fear that constantly reminds us of our responsibility to contribute to the wellness of our relationships. Complacency becomes evident when we become so comfortable with our partners to the point of taking them for granted. Without the fear of losing them, we become catalysts for the destruction of our own relationships.

However, there is the downside of letting this fear go beyond the bounds of reason. Paranoia breeds mistrust that poisons healthy relationships. Letting this fear take over your mind and create pictures of infidelity pushes our protectiveness to a level that becomes uncomfortable for our partners. Outrageous feats of jealousy that go beyond sensibility can become very annoying and destructive as well.

Mishy, love alone cannot guarantee forever. You have to trust Earl. And you have to be complete to do that. In love, two halves do not make a whole. Only two complete individuals can make a whole. You have to resist the mistrust and jealousy that slowly erode the foundation of your relationship. Trust and respect are very important. And even if one fails in giving these, the other should be ready to forgive. This is the cycle of love, hurting, getting hurt, forgiving and starting again. Every time we go through this we become stronger persons. We become more equipped to face the challenges in our relationships.

Mishy, there are a lot of times when our feelings don't think. When our emotions get too strong, we should stop for a while and let reason guide our actions. Let Earl know that you trust him. He needs that. Don't let your imagination go beyond what your eyes can see. Fear not that you will lose his love; but fear that you may be the one to push him out of love.

## Juan...*from page 4*

Hanopol was first out of the starting gate. He had been itching to do his own stuff, releasing his first solo album "*Buhay Musikero*" to critical and commercial success. Two more albums followed in quick succession.

Wally's first solo album, "*Tunog Pinoy*," didn't fare as well, but his second album "On The Road," released in 1977, yielded a radio hit in "Wally's Blues."

By this time, mainstream tastes had shifted from the heavy sound of classic Pinoy rock to poppier, more melodic variants such as Sampaguita's debut single "*Pabonggahan*." Pinoy rock had also spawned Pinoy folk-rock with the success of Asin, Banyuhay and Freddie Aguilar.

Juan de la Cruz probably thought it was time to bow out, but with a bang. They reunited briefly for one last hurrah: 1981's "*Kahit Anong Mangyari*," which proved that the old chemistry was still there in spite of six years' separation.

It would be 17 years before they set foot on the same stage again.

Now is probably as good a time as any for a Juan de la Cruz renaissance.

For the last couple of years, Wally has been performing regularly again, after emerging from semi-retirement.

"For 10 years, I didn't hold a guitar," he says. "*Buti nga, medyo marunong pa ako ngayon*" (It's a good thing I still know how to play now).

This is classic Wally Gonzalez understatement, because in fact, he is playing as well as he ever has, thanks to twice-weekly club gigs as Wally Gonzalez and Friends in Chaquico's in Makati and Chaquic's in Pasig. Those slippery-slidey blues runs now come as effortlessly as they used to in Juan de la Cruz's heyday.

Having retired from the family business, a shipping firm, he is now more or less back in the saddle again. At 55, however, he does admit to feeling the years.

"This is when you start paying for what you did 30 years ago," he laughs.

But the more things change, the more things stay the same.

There has been talk of a Juan de la Cruz CD box set, which would conveniently compile the band's recorded output (and hopefully some previously unreleased rarities), but Wally says they are still trying to negotiate a more favorable royalty rate from the recording company.

This only brings home the sad fact that even a band as important as Juan de la Cruz has not been able to make a living off their music.

Pepe Smith finally has an album out—"Idiosyncrasies"—but is currently embroiled in a legal battle with his former manager and record company. He claims that the album was released without his permission, and without him seeing a single cent from the sale of the rights.

But all this is forgotten—at least for the time being—when the band plugs in their guitars.

As Pepe Smith once sang:

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*Liligaya sa buhay*
*Pagdating ng panahon."*

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| July 13 | 7:00 pm | 2nd Men's Singles | (A) Lin Dan vs Bjoern Joppien (E) |
| | 8:30 pm | 2nd Women's Singles | (A) Seo Yoon Hee vs Pi Hongyan (E) |
| | 10:00 pm | Women's Doubles | (A) Saralee Thungthongkam/Sathinee Chankrachangwong vs Mia Audina Tjiptawan/Yao Jie (E) |
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